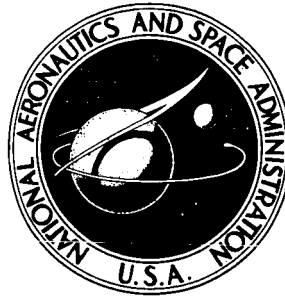


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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

It has long been recognized by light aircraft manufacturers that the technical consideration which exerts the largest influence on sales is the performance of the aircraft. If an aircraft can climb higher, fly further, cruise faster, and land and take off on shorter runways than other aircraft for the same payload and price, then it will usually sell better than its competition. A substantial portion of the engineering effort expended on a new design is therefore devoted to estimating the performance improvement resulting from a given change in configuration or powerplant. What one would like to be able to do is to suggest those changes which result in optimum performance for the price.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration undertook the present study to assist the light aircraft industry and aeronautical education in general. It was felt that the task of selecting the best performing configuration for the price would be greatly facilitated if the pertinent research results of the last 35 years were readily at hand in easily-usable forms. A computer program employing a collection and arrangement of those methods and data most applicable to the estimation of light aircraft performance would appear to satisfy these requirements. The present work seeks to provide these programs along with a detailed review of the methods used and some worked-out examples. The work is thus analogous to previous studies (Refs. 1, 2) which approached the prediction of riding and handling qualities of light aircraft in a similar fashion.

As will become evident from the literature review following, performance estimation can be treated at three levels of sophistication. The first, which may be termed static or point performance, is concerned with the maximum values for certain parameters such as speed, rate of climb, etc. assuming that nothing changes with time. The equations expressing the power required for level flight as a function of speed and altitude are algebraic and therefore fairly easy to evaluate. The variation in maximum power available as a function of flight speed and altitude can be evaluated point by point, if not analytically. The region between these two data sets on the speed-power plane is that for which steady flight is possible. Thus, by finding intersections of the two functions one has maximum and minimum speed while the maximum difference between the two curves is a measure of the maximum rate of climb. Other performance parameters are calculated with similar directness. The calculations are usually performed graphically because an analytical solution requires the extraction of the roots of a fourth or higher order polynomial, a laborious procedure if done by hand. It will be recognized also that determining the effect of a change in configuration or power plant involves many calculations if one wishes to see the effect at all weights and operating altitudes.

Until about 20 years ago all aircraft manufacturers used these performance estimation techniques which were first developed in the early 1930's. The methods are generally as reliable as the quality of the input lift, drag, and thrust data. The results are easily interpreted and can be checked in

flight through appropriate tests. With the advent of the modern digital computer, the major airframe manufacturers began to give consideration to more sophisticated means of describing the manner in which an airplane performs. They recognized for example that the time required to reach a given altitude could be minimized by varying the speed as the altitude increases and that the range could be increased on some aircraft by allowing the altitude to increase as the fuel is burned. In other words, the path over which the aircraft flies determines the performance of the vehicle. Hence they began to integrate the differential equations which describe aircraft motion with various types of control inputs to see what paths are produced. The digital computer permits one to investigate a large number of cases quickly and relatively inexpensively. Through a trial and error process one can get a good indication of how to fly a particular mission to obtain optimum results.

This level of sophistication is in common use among the large airframe constructors today. It has long been recognized, however, that an optimum path obtained in this fashion cannot be shown to be an optimum in the mathematical sense. The development of mathematically optimum flight paths has been a subject of theoretical research for at least a hundred years. Solutions of several simple problems have been obtained but a general procedure that is successful in a large number of cases has thus far eluded formulation.

The purpose of this report is to critically review methods available for estimating most aspects of light aircraft performance at all three levels of sophistication and to render those methods which are regarded as most accurate into fast, easy-to-use forms employing a digital computer. Through this device it is hoped that light aircraft designers can investigate a wider range of parameters economically in their search for improved performance in their vehicles. The programs and explanations are written at such a level that they should be readily intelligible to recent B.S. graduates.

As written here, the vehicle lift, drag, and thrust terms in the performance equations are represented by implicit functions. To obtain numerical solutions, explicit functions are required. These the program obtains by making rather general fits of user-supplied data. Unfortunately, it was not possible within the scope of the present work to eliminate the requirement for the user to supply these data. It would have been desirable to ask the user to specify only the aircraft geometry and the power plant and propeller characteristics and to have the program compute the lift, drag, and thrust characteristics needed for the performance computation.

The work begins with a review of the pertinent literature of the past 40 years. Estimation techniques based on the point performance concept are then developed. These techniques have been programmed for computer solution. The use of this program is then explained and some sample results for a typical light aircraft are given.

The next section treats the path performance concept. Again, an easily-used computer program has been developed to perform the computations. Its use and basis are explained and typical results are provided.

An appendix provides a detailed derivation of the equations for path performance while listings of the Fortran IV programs used to compute point and path performance are given in two additional appendices.

Other appendices present programs for fitting power curves, lift-drag curves, the basis for the integration technique used on the path performance equations, and a more detailed discussion of the nature of the fuel-flow-power relationship in piston engines.

The reader will perhaps note the absence of a reference to the standard text by Perkins and Hage (John Wiley 1949) and the failure to follow the nomenclature of this text which is by now fairly standard. However, it seemed that because the equations selected for computer solution are really simplifications of those used in stability analysis, the notation should follow that common in stability analysis. Some modifications in this view were found to be necessary in order to accommodate the more general drag polar used in the present work. It is hoped that these departures from common usage will not prove too disconcerting.



# LITERATURE REVIEW

## Point Performance

"General Formulas and Charts for the Calculation of Airplane Performance", TR-408, by Oswald (Ref. 3) and "General Airplane Performance", TR-654, by Rockefeller (Ref. 4), published in 1932 and 1939 respectively, represent the state of the art in the prediction of point performance. Oswald's work presents a series of performance charts for airplanes equipped with modern unsupercharged engines and fixed-pitch metal propellers; these charts yield the performance characteristics (maximum level flight speed, maximum rate of climb, service ceiling, absolute ceiling, etc.) as a function of the parasite drag loading, effective span loading, and thrust horsepower loading. Oswald later extended his analysis to include the case of supercharged engines (Ref. 5) while White and Martin (Ref. 6) made a similar analysis for the case of constant-speed propellers with no supercharging. In each of the analyses mentioned above special assumptions were made regarding the variation of engine power with altitude and engine speed and the variation of propulsive efficiency with altitude and air speed. These assumptions along with the assumption of a parabolic drag polar are necessary to obtain a problem which is tractable by hand solution techniques or in closed form.

Rockefeller decided that with new engine and propeller developments it would be desirable to attack the problem in a more general manner in order to obtain a method of performance calculation basically independent of the particular engine-propeller combination but readily adaptive to any type. Thus, he developed the equations for the analysis of the performance of an ideal airplane--an airplane for which the thrust power is independent of speed, the parasite drag is constant, and the lift coefficient has an infinite maximum value--in order that the charts developed for use in practical calculations would for the most part apply to any type of engine-propeller combination and system of control, the only additional material required consisting of the actual engine and propeller curves for the propulsion unit. Rockefeller also presented his results graphically as performance charts.

Accurate prediction of point performance characteristics requires reliable information on the power the aircraft can put into the airstream. For propeller-driven aircraft NACA TR-640 (Ref. 7) and WR L-286 (Ref. 8) present propeller data obtained from aerodynamic wind tunnel tests. The data is presented as a series of four design charts for each propeller tested; these charts have been the standard NASA format since 1929 (see Appendix F, Figure (F-1) for an example). Although its basic intent was to reveal the effects of changes in solidity resulting either from increasing the number of blades or from increasing the blade width, TR-640 is probably more widely known for its outline of the procedures required to compute the propeller thrust from the propeller design charts. A step-by-step procedure for calculating the power available is given in Appendix F of the present work along with a set of propeller design charts for the R.A.F. 6 two blade propeller.

The value of knowing the static performance characteristics is voiced by Thompson in Reference 9. He mentioned that one of the most perplexing guessing games in cross country flying is choosing the most favorable altitude and true airspeed for cruising flight. As a means of solving the cruising dilemma for level flight with a light airplane, normally operating engine, and constant speed propeller he suggested that:

- (1) The high speed dash should be made at near sea level at maximum power.
- (2) Normal cruising at 65-75% power should be made at the highest altitude at which these powers are available using full throttle and normal cruising RPM.
- (3) Maximum range airspeed should be 1.4 to 2.0 times the flaps up stall speed depending on aerodynamic cleanness.
- (4) Range is independent of altitude if airspeed is maintained at correct best range speed for each altitude.
- (5) For best range at higher airspeeds, the optimum altitude is progressively higher.
- (6) In moderate headwinds, the speed for maximum range should be increased about 10%.
- (7) For maximum endurance, the airplane should be flown between 20 and 30 percent above flaps up stall speed, depending upon where minimum power is required to sustain level flight.

The suggestions given by Thompson are generally in good agreement with the results obtained from a point performance analysis of the Cessna 182 (see the section on Examples of Point Performance Calculation). Similar agreement was also found using a path performance analysis when flying near the angle of attack for best lift to drag ratio. These analyses were made using the point and path performance programs presented in Appendices C and D respectively.

In recent years new interest has arisen in improving the performance of light aircraft. As noted in Reference 10 the basic technology and configurations of most of the present light airplane fleet were developed before the advent of the high speed computer, jet transport, high lift technology, advanced stability and control analysis methods, analytical descriptions of handling qualities, and greatly improved wind tunnel testing techniques. Since this advanced technology has not been widely applied to light aircraft, they have not kept pace with the improvements achieved by commercial airliners. Roskam and Kohlman found by parametric variation that aerodynamic design modifications can be made to improve significantly the performance of light aircraft. They used a relatively simple computer program to evaluate the speed for best range, maximum level flight speed, specific range, maximum rate of climb, and speed for maximum rate of climb

in terms of the predicted lift and drag coefficients resulting from specific geometric modifications.

Accurate prediction of static performance requires good estimates of the lift and drag coefficients as a starting point. An ideal procedure for obtaining suitable values of these coefficients would require that one specify only the body coordinates, speed, and altitude of the airplane to obtain in a precise fashion both the lift and drag coefficients as functions of angle of attack; unfortunately, such a procedure is not as yet available. Historically, the drag coefficient has been much more difficult to estimate accurately than the lift coefficient. Reference 11 is an example of a sophisticated method for obtaining aerodynamic characteristics of multi-component airfoils--airfoils with leading or trailing edge high lift devices--in subsonic viscous flows. The calculated aerodynamic characteristics include pressure distribution, lift, pitching-moment, and skin friction drag up to incipient separation on any component. The characteristics are obtained from a computer program written for either the UNIVAC 1108 or the CDC 6600 computer which requires the inputs of freestream conditions and the airfoil geometry. Similar techniques are needed to handle the complete wing-body-tail combination.

Two recent works should be helpful in predicting the drag coefficients of light aircraft. Roskam in Reference 12 presents two methods for computing drag polars of airplanes at subsonic Mach numbers. The first method models the drag polar by  $C_D = C_{D0} + C_L^2 / \pi e AR$  and then sums the zero-lift drag coefficients (usually from wind tunnel data) of each individual component of the aircraft. For a more detailed and accurate drag prediction Roskam suggests a second method. This method employs formulae and charts to estimate the zero-lift drag coefficient of the wing-body combination, the horizontal tail, and the vertical tail as functions of thickness to chord ratio. The drag of the wing-body due to lift is considered to be a function of wing drag due to lift and body drag due to angle of attack; a procedure is also given for estimating incremental drag coefficient due to miscellaneous components such as windshields, nacelles, flaps, etc.

Reference 13 by Wolowicz and Yancey which describes methods for estimating the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of light, twin-engine, propeller-driven airplanes, presents a method for estimating the drag coefficient very similar to the second method given by Roskam and discussed above. Also presented are methods for obtaining lift coefficients of the wing, fuselage, horizontal and vertical tails, and interference effects. Most of the methods mentioned above require the use of charts or the manual evaluation of formulas to obtain the lift and drag. A computer program to speed up and mechanize this process would materially simplify point and path performance estimation.

Discussions of point performance are incomplete without some consideration of take-off and landing. NACA TR-450 by Walter S. Diehl (Ref. 14) is concerned with the development of a method suitable for routine take-off calculations which is reasonably simple without neglecting any important variables (See the section on Take-Off and Landing Performance for the

general equation). While the method presented in the Technical Report is intended as a practical approximation to a difficult problem, Diehl believed that a more accurate method probably would have no significance in view of the crude state of the lift, drag, and thrust data. Diehl therefore reduced the ground run formula to  $S = K_S V_S^2 / (T_1 / W)$  where  $V_S$  is the take-off speed,  $T_1$  is the initial net acceleration force,  $W$  is the take-off weight, and  $K_S$  is a coefficient depending only on the ratio of initial to final net acceleration force. A relation to estimate the time required to take-off is also given.

A more exact approach to take-off and landing performance is given in Reference 15 prepared by Boeing Aircraft Company. The Boeing report gives a derivation of the basic take-off and landing equation leaving it in integral form. Provided the thrust, lift, drag, and load factor due to rotation during the approach are known, a numerical integration technique can thus be used to evaluate the take-off ground run, time to lift-off, ground distance while climbing to 50 feet, time to climb to 50 feet, ground distance from 50 feet to touchdown, and ground run after touchdown. A detailed discussion of both Reference 14 and Reference 15 is included in the Take-Off and Landing Performance section.

#### Path Performance

Aircraft can often exceed the equilibrium value of maximum speed, altitude, rate of climb, etc. during periods of accelerated flight. The designer seeking the ultimate in vehicle performance will wish to devise trajectories which maximize particular parameters of interest. One method for doing this, which is growing in popularity with the capability to manipulate and apply it, is the technique of specifying schedules of two control parameters and determining the motion resulting therefrom. The expression "growing in popularity", however, should be used somewhat advisedly. One sees indications of the use of such techniques in the literature and private conversations with industry people also point in the same direction, but specific solutions or calculation procedures are noticeably absent. The results given in Reference 16 represent elementary forms of such procedures.

It is quite probably that several computer programs are currently in use which will compute the trajectory of an aircraft by integrating the first order ordinary differential equations of motion (the integration becomes possibly only when some of the unknown parameters such as power, lift and drag, velocity, etc. are specified as functions of time so as to yield the same number of unknowns as equations). Apparently, the programs are either classified or used only for in-house work by the companies who developed them because none have been described in the open literature. They are thus unavailable to the academic community or the light aircraft industry. For example Reference 17 indicates the existence of a landing analysis digital computer program developed by the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory. This program evolved from a need for comprehensive, quantitative analysis of aircraft take-off and landing characteristics. Similar programs

no doubt exist at most of the major aircraft manufacturing companies. Although the light aircraft designer may not need an extremely sophisticated procedure for performance prediction, he should be provided with a procedure which permits him to realize some of the performance improvements resulting from modern technology and which frees him from complete reliance on the basic design charts of the 1930's.

### Optimum Performance Paths

Mathematicians have long been concerned with finding the trajectory which optimizes a particular performance criterion. One may cite the classical brachistochrone problem--find the shape of a wire along which a frictionless bead will move under the influence of its own weight from the origin to some other point in minimum time--as a simple example. In attempting to apply variational techniques to the flight of powered aircraft, however, one finds that the additional degrees of freedom present in a realistic mathematical model lead to an almost intractable problem. At first sight, the determination of an optimal range trajectory could appear to be capable of treatment as a classical Mayer problem (see Reference 18 for statement) but mathematical difficulties, apparently encountered by all who have attempted this approach, have proven insurmountable. Those who have employed basically this approach with success have considered more restricted problems such as unpowered flight (Ref. 19).

Within the last 10 years the subject has received intense study because of its applicability to the trajectories of spacecraft. However, one principal feature of many of these analyses--the absence of aerodynamic drag--makes them inapplicable to aircraft use. In general, while the aircraft problems treated by the newer methods of dynamic programming and the Pontryagin Maximum Principle have improved in realism, the techniques are still too complex and too restricted for general computational use. The reader interested in the details of the newer, more successful mathematical methods is directed to References 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. The last is a particularly good treatment of the subject.

It may be pointed out that while true optimum trajectories can be obtained only with the methods cited, practically speaking there are many near-optimum trajectories which differ little from the optimum in terms of the value of the performance criterion. Some of these near-optimum trajectories can usually be found without excessive difficulty by iterative use of the path performance techniques discussed previously.

# POINT PERFORMANCE

## INTRODUCTION

The process of predicting an aircraft's static or point performance reduces to an investigation of the condition of the flight path assuming that the dependent variables (except for  $h$ ) of the performance equations do not change with time. If for the general performance equations (Appendix B) the derivatives of the dependent variables are neglected while assuming  $\dot{h}$  to be a new dependent variable, a set of non-linear algebraic equations are obtained. The values of the dependent variables required to obtain an optimum flight condition (*i.e.* maximum rate of climb, maximum level flight speed, etc.) can be found by applying the Ordinary Theory of Maxima and Minima.

The work of Oswald (Ref. 3), Rockefeller (Ref. 4), and White and Martin (Ref. 6) as noted earlier represents the state of the art in static performance prediction. Each of these works choose a parabolic relationship between lift and drag in order to obtain a tractable problem while Reference 3 employs in addition some special assumptions regarding the variation of power with velocity for different types of propellers. It is felt, however, that a significant improvement can be made in static performance prediction (1) by using a drag polar which is more general than the conventional parabolic polar and (2) by permitting the user to specify only several points on a curve of maximum power available versus velocity rather than the functional form of the power-velocity relationship. This course has been followed in the present work.

The static performance equations given herein were developed from those in Appendix B by applying the Theory of Maxima and Minima. In addition, a general power versus velocity curve and a drag polar of the form

$$C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$$

have been employed. Note that the parabolic polar is a special case of the above polar with  $k_3$  and  $k_4$  equal to zero. The quantities which the analysis considers as known are:

$$C_D(C_L) = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4} \text{ where the user specifies the } k\text{'s. Alternately the } k\text{'s may be determined from experimental data using the procedure in Appendix E.}$$

$S$  = wing area on which  $C_D$  and  $C_L$  are based,

$W$  = airplane weight,

$h$  = altitude at which the optimum characteristics are desired,

$P(V)$  = points on the maximum power available versus velocity curve at specified reference altitude.

Velocity is the unknown and one desires the velocity for which a particular flight characteristic is optimum. An additional restriction imposed on the general equations of motion (Appendix B) for the present analysis is that  $\cos \gamma \approx 1.0$ . Should the reader be interested in flight conditions with  $\gamma$

greater than twelve to fifteen degrees he is referred to the program in Appendix D which integrates the general equations of motion without making the assumption of small values of flight path angle. Once the data defined above is provided the following quantities can be calculated by use of the digital computer program listed in Appendix C:

- (1) maximum and minimum level flight speed at an altitude,
- (2) speed for maximum climb angle and maximum climb angle at an altitude,
- (3) speed for minimum power (maximum endurance) and minimum power at an altitude,
- (4) classical speed for maximum range,
- (5) service ceiling and the velocity at service ceiling,
- (6) absolute ceiling and the velocity at absolute ceiling,
- (7) maximum rate of climb schedule from altitude  $h_1$  to altitude  $h_2$ ,
- (8) most economical rate of climb schedule from altitude  $h_1$  to altitude  $h_2$ ,
- (9) maximum rate of climb, power available and power required versus velocity at an altitude.

Note that because of the generalized nature of the drag and power relations employed here, obtaining these optimal quantities usually requires either the solution of a pseudo-polynomial equation having non-integer exponents with velocity as the unknown, or the solution of a pair of the equations with both velocity and altitude as unknowns.

Discussed in detail in succeeding sections are:

- (1) the derivation of the optimal static performance equations,
- (2) a description of the computerization procedure required to find the solution of these equations,
- (3) examples of the static performance calculations for two light aircraft,
- (4) a discussion of techniques used to calculate landing and take-off performance.\*

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\* This discussion is based on two methods contained in the literature and may therefore differ from other methods currently being used. A general computer program to evaluate take-off and landing performance has been omitted because of the difficulty encountered in estimating correct values of  $C_L$ ,  $C_D$ , velocity, and power in these two flight modes.

## DERIVATION OF THE POINT PERFORMANCE EQUATIONS

The point or static performance equations are derived by requiring that the acceleration terms be zero. With this restriction the equations developed in Appendix B become

$$\dot{x} = (V \cos \gamma) \Delta t + x_0 \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{gP}{WV} - g \frac{S\rho_0}{2} \frac{C_D V^2 \sigma}{W} - g \sin \gamma = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$g \frac{S\rho_0}{2} \frac{C_L V^2 \sigma}{W} - g \cos \gamma = 0 \quad (4)$$

where

$$\sigma = f(h) = (1 - 6.86 \times 10^{-6} h)^{4.26}.$$

(Note that the  $x$  equation is given in its integrated form.) In the above set of equations  $h$  will be treated as a variable separate from  $\dot{h}$ ; by this device the equation becomes a system of four algebraic equations in nine unknowns ( $x, V, \gamma, h, \dot{h}, P, W, C_L, C_D$ ). It is customary to specify aircraft weight, power as a function of altitude and velocity,  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  as a function of angle of attack, and one other parameter in order to make the system solvable.

Now, if one were to seek information on the flight path angle possible at a given altitude he would first express  $C_D$  as a general function of  $C_L$ ,

$$C_D = C_{D0} + k_1 C_L^2 + k_2 C_L^3, \quad (5)$$

and then from equation (4) write  $C_L$  as

$$C_L = \frac{2W \cos \gamma}{S\rho_0 \sigma V^2}, \quad (6)$$

and finally substitute these expressions into equation (3) to yield:

$$\frac{P}{W} - \frac{S\rho_0 \sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W \cos \gamma}{S\rho_0 \sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W \cos \gamma}{S\rho_0 \sigma V^2} \right)^3 \right] - V \sin \gamma = 0. \quad (7)$$

Note that if  $k_2 = 0$  and  $k_1 = 1/(\pi e AR)$  the drag polar in equation (5) reduces to the familiar parabolic form. Equation (7) expresses  $\gamma$  in terms of  $V$  when  $P, h$ , and  $W$  are given. To find the maximum  $\gamma$  it is necessary to find the value of velocity for which  $d\gamma/dV = 0$ . The reader will recognize that this is not easily done in closed form. Because of this difficulty, the physics of the situation are invoked to reduce the mathematical complexity. Most general aviation aircraft do not have sufficient power to climb at angles in excess of  $12^\circ$  or  $13^\circ$ ; thus, the assumption that  $\cos \gamma = 1.0$  is never in error by



more than two or three percent. Further, it is difficult to determine  $C_{D0}$  and  $e$  with errors of less than four or five percent. It may therefore be argued that no additional error of significance is introduced by taking  $\cos \gamma = 1.0$ . With this assumption equation (7) becomes

$$\frac{P}{W} - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] - V \sin \gamma = 0. \quad (8)$$

Finally, through the use of equation (2)  $\dot{h}$  can be written as

$$\dot{h} = \frac{P}{W} - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right]. \quad (9)$$

This is the fundamental point performance equation which expresses the rate of climb as a function of speed when  $P(V, h)$ ,  $W$ , and  $h$  are given.

### Maximum and Minimum Level Flight Speed

The maximum and minimum level flight speeds are found by setting  $\dot{h} = 0$  in the fundamental equation and solving for  $V$  in

$$\frac{P}{W} = \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right]. \quad (10)$$

### Maximum Rate of Climb

The maximum rate of climb occurs at that speed for which

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\dot{h}}{dV} = \frac{1}{W} \frac{dP}{dV} - \frac{3S\rho_0\sigma V^2}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] \\ - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ - \frac{4k_1}{V^5} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2k_3 k_2}{V(2k_3 + 1)} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

is zero. This speed, substituted into equation (9) gives the maximum rate of climb.

### Maximum Climb Angle

An equation for the climb angle can be obtained by noticing that the flight path angle has already been assumed to be small. Hence,  $\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma \approx V \gamma$ , or  $\gamma = \dot{h}/V$ . Division of equation (9) by  $V$  therefore yields the desired relation. The speed for the maximum value of  $\gamma$  is then found by setting

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dV} = 0 = \frac{dP}{dV} \frac{1}{WV} - \frac{P}{WV^2} - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V}{W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^2}{2W} \left[ -\frac{4k_1}{V^5} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2k_3 k_2}{V(2k_3 + 1)} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right] \quad (12)$$

and solving for V. This speed is then substituted into the equation for  $\gamma$  to obtain the maximum climb angle.

### Service Ceiling and Absolute Ceiling

The service ceiling is that value of h for which the maximum value of  $\dot{h}$  has decreased to 100 feet per minute. The absolute ceiling is that value of h for which  $\dot{h} = 0$  at the speed for maximum rate of climb. One must solve two equations simultaneously in order to find the value of V for which  $\sigma$  is a minimum when  $\dot{h} = 100$  ft/min or  $\dot{h} = 0$ . The two equations are repeated below as equations (13) and (14).

$$\dot{h} - \frac{P}{W} + \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{1}{W} \frac{dP}{dV} - \frac{3S\rho_0\sigma V^2}{2W} \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] - \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^3}{2W} \left[ -\frac{4}{V^5} k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2k_3 k_2}{V(2k_3 + 1)} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right] = 0 \quad (14)$$

h is then found from the expression

$$h = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{4.26}}\right) 10^6}{6.86} \quad (\text{feet}) .$$

### Maximum Range Speed

Fuel consumption in propeller driven aircraft is generally directly proportional to the power required. Thus for maximum range at  $\gamma = 0$ , one should fly at the speed for which the ratio of power required per unit speed is a minimum

$$\frac{d(P/V)}{dV} = 0 = S\rho_0\sigma V \left[ C_{D0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] + \frac{S\rho_0\sigma V^2}{2} \left[ -\frac{4k_1}{V^5} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2k_3 k_2}{V(2k_3 + 1)} \left( \frac{2W}{S\rho_0\sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right] \quad (15)$$

and solving for  $V$  gives the velocity for maximum range. For jet aircraft, the fuel consumption is more appropriately taken to be directly related to the thrust required.

### Maximum Endurance

For maximum endurance in propeller-driven aircraft one is interested in flying at the speed for which the power required is a minimum or, the speed which satisfies the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dV} = 0 = \frac{3}{2} S \rho_0 \sigma V^2 \left[ C_{D_0} + k_1 \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_0 \sigma V^2} \right)^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_0 \sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] \\ + \frac{S \rho_0 \sigma V^3}{2} \left[ - \frac{4k_1}{V^5} \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_0 \sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2k_3 k_2}{V (2k_3 + 1)} \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_0 \sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The minimum power can then be found by substituting this value of velocity into equation (9) with  $\dot{h} = 0$ .

### Minimum Time to Climb

The minimum time to climb is the shortest time required to climb from one altitude to another altitude. It can be expressed in integral form by

$$T = \int_{h_1}^{h_2} \frac{1}{\dot{h}_{\max}} dh \quad (17)$$

where the velocity for maximum rate of climb is found from equation (11) and the maximum rate of climb is then evaluated using this velocity in equation (9).

### Most Economical Climb

The most economical climb is that climb technique which will move an aircraft from  $h_1$  to  $h_2$  while using the least fuel,  $df$ . Since  $df = -dW$  and  $\dot{W} = -cP$  for propeller aircraft, the following procedure may be used to minimize  $df/dh$ .

$$\frac{df}{dh} = - \frac{dW}{dh} = - \frac{dW/dt}{dh/dt} = - \frac{\dot{W}}{\dot{h}} = \frac{cP}{\frac{P}{W} - \frac{DV}{W}} = \frac{WcP}{P - DV}.$$

The above expression will have its minimum value when  $V$  is a solution to

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{df}{dh}\right)}{dV} = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{d(\frac{df}{dh})}{dV} = 0 = \frac{d(\frac{WcP}{P - DV})}{dV} = \frac{Wc}{P - DV} \frac{dP}{dV} - \frac{WcP}{(P - DV)^2} \left[ \frac{dP}{dV} - V \frac{dD}{dV} - D \right]$$

or,

$$\frac{dP}{dV} DV - PV \frac{dD}{dV} - PD = 0 . \quad (18)$$

Since

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o V^2 S \sigma \left[ C_{D_o} + \frac{4W^2 k_1}{(S \rho_o)^2 \sigma^2 V^4} + k_2 \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_o} \right)^{k_3} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma V^2} \right)^{k_3} \right] \quad (19)$$

then

$$\frac{dD}{dV} = \rho_o S \sigma C_{D_o} V - \frac{4W^2 k_1}{S \rho_o \sigma} \frac{1}{V^3} - \left[ (k_3 - 1) (\rho_o S \sigma k_2) \left( \frac{2W}{S \rho_o \sigma} \right)^{k_3} \right] \frac{1}{V^{(2k_3 - 1)}} . \quad (20)$$

Substituting (19) and (20) into (18) yields an equation which can be solved for the velocity for most economical climb. The power used to solve equation (18) is the maximum power available to the aircraft; this is evident from the following sketch of  $df/dh$  versus  $P$  (here only power greater than  $DV$  is considered since this is the minimum power required for climbing flight).

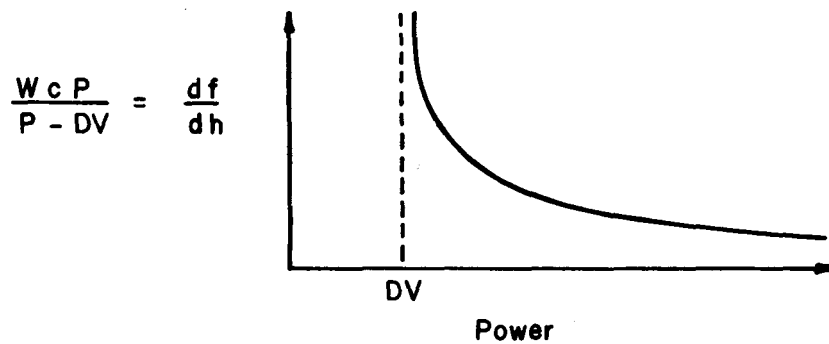


Figure 1. Minimum value of  $df/dh$  as a function of power.

$df/dh$  has its minimum value when the power is maximum. Thus, one should fly at the maximum possible power and the velocity given by equation (18) for most economical climb.

## COMPUTERIZATION PROCEDURE FOR POINT PERFORMANCE EQUATIONS

A computer program\* to evaluate the static performance of an aircraft was written in Fortran IV for use on the IBM 370-165 computer. The procedure employed can best be described by considering the three major portions into which the programming task was divided:

- (1) the expression of the maximum power available in a general functional form having a smooth, continuous first derivative given a set of experimental or calculated maximum power-velocity values,
- (2) the application of a least-squares-distance curve-fitting technique to fit lift and drag data with a general drag polar of the form

$$C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^4,$$

- (3) the utilization of the method of *regula falsi* (false position) to find the roots of the pseudo-polynomials in velocity derived in the previous section.

These three divisions will now be described in more detail.

### Maximum Power Available

For propeller driven aircraft the maximum power available is a function of both velocity and altitude. However, if a maximum power available versus velocity curve is known at some reference altitude the power available at some other altitude may be obtained from the reference curve by means of a multiplicative correction factor (Ref. 3) depending solely on altitude. Denote the power available at velocity  $V$  and altitude  $h$  by  $P_{av}(V, h)$  and the power available at velocity  $V$  and the reference altitude  $h_{ref}$  by  $P_{ref}(V)$ . Then, for an unsupercharged engine

$$P_{av}(V, h) = P_{ref}(V) \left( \frac{\sigma - 0.165}{\sigma_{ref} - 0.165} \right)$$

where:

$\sigma = \rho/\rho_0$  = ratio of the density of air at altitude  $h$  to the density at sea level,

$\sigma_{ref} = \rho_{ref}/\rho_0$  = ratio of the density of air at reference altitude to the density at sea level.

The variation of the density ratio may be approximated by  $\sigma(h) = (1.0 - 6.86 \times 10^{-6} h)^{4.26}$  where  $h$  is in feet.

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\* This program is found in Appendix C along with instruction for its use.

For a supercharged engine the variation of power available with altitude is small up to some fixed altitude which depends on the particular supercharger. Therefore, in this work the altitude variation of power available for a supercharged engine is assumed to be zero, *i.e.*  $P_{av}(V,h) = P_{ref}(V)$ , and the reference altitude is taken to be sea level.

The general nature of the power available versus velocity curve at the reference altitude considering both fixed pitch and constant speed propeller aircraft makes it very difficult to fix this curve with a constant coefficient polynomial having a smooth, well-behaved first derivative over the entire velocity range. Since the derivative of the power available appears in the static performance equations, a smooth first derivative is a necessity for obtaining valid solutions to these equations. The spline technique has been shown to give the best mathematical fit for a set of data points, and the cubic spline is the simplest fit which provides a well-behaved first derivative. For this reason the maximum power available data points were fitted using the cubic spline given in Reference 25 with modified end conditions.

The power available at some velocity  $V$  at the reference altitude was denoted above by  $P_{ref}(V)$ . Let the data points from the reference power available versus velocity curve be denoted by  $(P_{ref})_i, V_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the number of data points. Then the cubic spline fit is of the form

$$P_{ref}(V) = C_{1j} V^3 + C_{2j} V^2 + C_{3j} V + C_{4j}$$

where:

$$V_j \leq V \leq V_{j+1}, \quad \text{and } j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

Note that for each of the  $N-1$  intervals the cubic's coefficients depend on the interval  $(V_j, V_{j+1})$  in which the velocity  $V$  lies, but they are constant in a given interval. It is this variation of the coefficients that gives the spline fit its remarkable curve fitting properties.

To develop a suitable maximum-power-available-at-any-altitude relationship for use in the static performance calculations, the computer program\* (Appendix C) requires that the user supply only a set of power available versus velocity data points at a reference altitude, the reference altitude, and a control parameter denoting whether or not the engine is supercharged. A technique for estimating these data points is given in Appendix F.

### Lift-Drag Curve Fitting Technique

Most previous estimation techniques for static performance have relied on a conventional parabolic drag polar. Because some performance parameters

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\* The program in Appendix D also used this procedure to obtain maximum power available.

are evaluated at relatively high angles of attack where the drag is frequently greater than predicted by a parabolic fit to high speed data, the use of the parabolic polar for such computations leads to erroneous results. Accordingly, the static performance analysis in the preceding section permits the use of a general drag polar of the form

$$C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}.$$

Note that this general drag polar includes the parabolic polar as a special case, *i.e.*  $k_3 = k_4 = 0$ .

If lift and drag data, preferably up to  $C_{Lmax}$ , are available, the coefficients of the general drag polar can be obtained with the program given in Appendix E. This program, a modification of the one given in Reference 26, uses a least-squares-distance technique to fit the data, *i.e.* it minimizes the sum of the squares of the perpendicular distances from the data point to the fitted curve. This type of least squares technique is desirable because the drag coefficient versus lift coefficient curve has regions of both small and large slopes.

The program gives the user the option of the following four particular forms of this general drag polar:

- (1)  $C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$
- (2)  $C_D = C_{D0} + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$
- (3)  $C_D = k_1 + k_3 C_L^{k_4} \quad (k_2 = 0)$
- (4)  $C_D = C_{D0} + k_3 C_L^{k_4} \quad (k_2 = 0)$

In cases (1) and (3) all coefficients are varied in the fitting process, and  $k_1$  may not be the actual zero-lift drag coefficient. In cases (2) and (4) the user specifies  $C_{D0}$ , the zero-lift drag coefficient, and it is not varied in the fitting process.\*

### Solution of the Pseudo-Polynomials

The determination of each performance parameter requires the solution of a pseudo-polynomial\*\* in velocity, except the cases of service ceiling and absolute ceiling where the simultaneous solution of two coupled

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\* Cases (3) and (4) are the drag polar forms used in the program which integrates the equations of motion (Appendix D).

\*\* The word pseudo-polynomial refers to a polynomial which has the unknown raised to powers which are not necessarily integers.

pseudo-polynomials, one in velocity with its coefficients depending on altitude and one in altitude with its coefficients depending on velocity, are required.

For those cases where the solution of a single pseudo-polynomial is required, the method of *regula falsi* (false position) is used (Ref. 27). The velocity range of the power available versus velocity curve is searched by increments until a sign change of the pseudo-polynomial occurs. The false position method is then used to obtain the zero of the pseudo-polynomial to within a specified tolerance. Note that since the spline curve fit (see above section) of the power available versus velocity gives a cubic polynomial with different coefficients from each velocity interval, the coefficients of the various pseudo-polynomials will vary as the entire velocity range is searched.

In the case of service or absolute ceilings the method of false position is used in conjunction with an iteration between the velocity polynomial and the altitude polynomial. This iterative procedure is as follows:

- (1) A service or absolute ceiling is assumed, and the velocity pseudo-polynomial is solved by *regula falsi*.
- (2) With this velocity root the altitude pseudo-polynomial is solved by *regula falsi* for a new value of the service or absolute ceiling.
- (3) With this new altitude step (1) is repeated. Iteration continues between step (1) and step (2) until convergence on both velocity and altitude is achieved to within a specified tolerance.



## EXAMPLES OF POINT PERFORMANCE CALCULATIONS

In order to evaluate the static performance program, two single engine light aircraft were investigated; both the description and the results of these two test cases are given below.

The performance of the Cessna 182 (Figure 2) was evaluated using a conventional parabolic drag polar and a polar obtained by curve fitting lift and drag coefficients obtained from Cessna Aircraft through personal communication. The reference wing area for the lift and drag coefficients was 174 square feet while the basic weight was 2650 pounds. The maximum power available curve was obtained using the procedure outlined in Appendix F. The engine, a Continental Model O-470-R, had a power rating of 230 BHP at 2600 RPM. The maximum engine speed for continuous operation was assumed to be 2400 RPM. The propeller had a R.A.F. 6 section with a diameter of seven feet.

Tables 1 and 2 may be used to compare the performance of the Cessna 182 with the two different drag polars; these tables present the performance characteristics for the parabolic and the fitted drag polars respectively. The major difference is seen when comparing the minimum level flight speeds. The analysis with a parabolic polar gives a much lower value of minimum level flight speed than does the fitted polar; this is caused by the error encountered when using a parabolic polar at large lift coefficients (high angles of attack).

The program may be easily adapted to find variations of static performance parameters for different values of aircraft weight and altitude. The power available and required curves at sea level, 8000 feet, and 16000 feet are presented in Figure 3 for the Cessna 182 with the fitted drag polar. The variations in maximum and minimum level flight speeds and maximum rate of climb with weight and altitude are given in Figure 4. Figure 5 has also been included to indicate how the changes in weight affect the service and absolute ceilings.

Because of the availability of lift and drag data (Ref. 28) the performance of the Navion was evaluated using the static performance program. Several points from the wind tunnel data were used to find a general drag polar\*, while a 285 BHP engine rate at 2900 RPM was used at the power plant. The results of this analysis are given in Table 3.

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\* The sample output given in Appendix E contains the actual data for the Navion aircraft.

# ENGINE

CONTINENTAL MODEL O-470-A  
250 HP AT 2600 RPM

# AREAS

WING (INCLUDING FUSELAGE) 17408 SQ FT  
FLAP 1830 SQ FT  
STABILIZER (INCLUDING FUSELAGE) 2087 SQ FT  
FIN AND DORSAL 2210 SQ FT  
RUDDER 1182 SQ FT  
ELEVATOR TAB 690 SQ FT  
ELEVATOR 175 SQ FT  
ELEVATOR (TOTAL) 1661 SQ FT

# GENERAL DATA

EMPTY WEIGHT (APPROX) 1580 LBS  
GROSS WEIGHT 2600 LBS  
PROP DIAMETER (MAX) 2600 LBS  
WING AIRFOIL ROOT NACA 2412  
VERT. TAIL AIRFOIL ROOT NACA 0008.5 TIP NACA 0008  
HORZ. TAIL AIRFOIL ROOT NACA 0008 TIP NACA 0008

# ANGLES OF INCIDENCE

WING-ROOT CHORD  $9^{\circ}$  30' MIN  
WING-TIP CHORD  $-1^{\circ}$  30' MIN  
STABILIZER  $-3^{\circ}$  15' MIN  
WING  $1^{\circ}$  44' MIN

# MOMENTS OF INERTIA

$I_{xx}$  948 SLUG-FT<sup>2</sup>  
 $I_{yy}$  1346 SLUG-FT<sup>2</sup>  
 $I_{zz}$  1987 SLUG-FT<sup>2</sup>

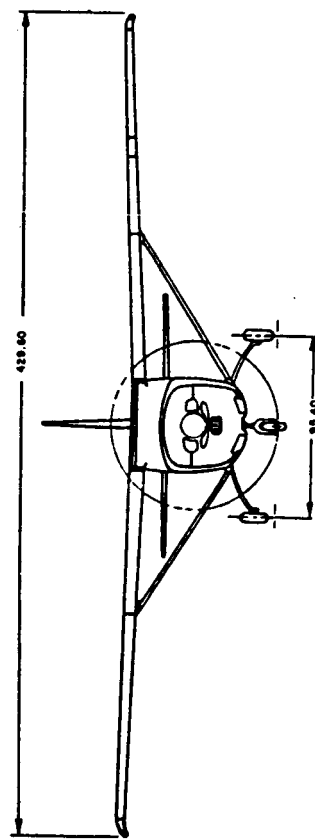
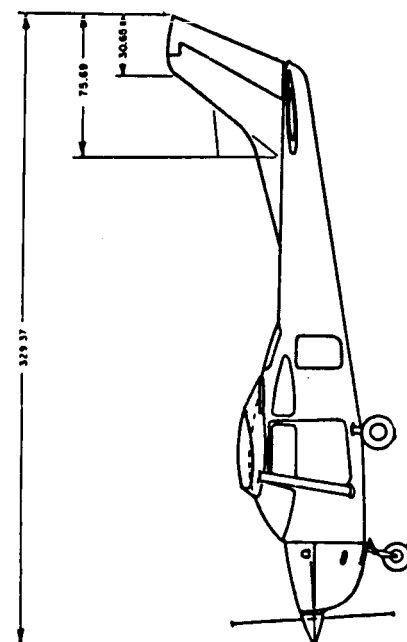
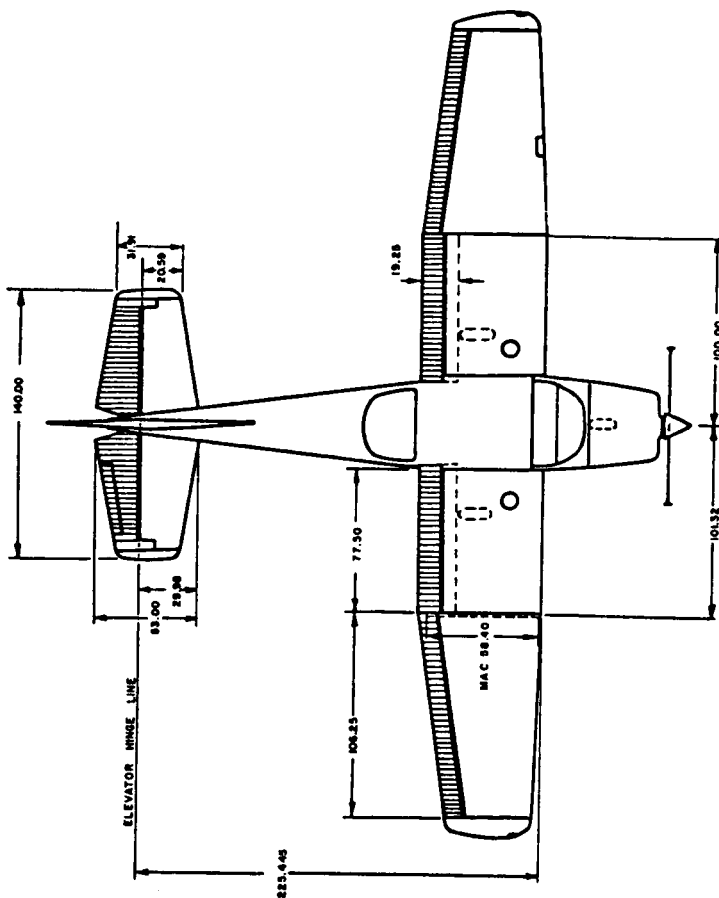


Figure 2. Three view of the Cessna 182.

POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY  
REFERENCE ALTITUDE = 0.0 FEET

PA(FT-LBS/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)
0.0	0.0
0.291500 05	0.273300 02
0.524700 05	0.546700 02
0.699600 05	0.820000 02
0.816200 05	0.109330 03
0.874500 05	0.136670 03
0.909480 05	0.164000 03
0.944460 05	0.191330 03
0.958650 05	0.218670 03
0.967780 05	0.246000 03
0.973610 05	0.273330 03
0.979440 05	0.300670 03
0.984700 05	0.328000 03
0.984700 05	0.355330 03
0.984700 05	0.382660 03

AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

CD = 0.269000-01 + 0.440240-01\*CL\*\*2 + 0.0 \*CL\*\* 0.0  
WING AREA = 0.174000 03 SQ.FT WEIGHT = 0.265000 04 LBS

STATIC PERFORMANCE AT AN ALTITUDE = 0.0 FT  
WITH MINIMUM TIME AND MOST ECONOMICAL CLIMB SCHEDULES TO A FINAL ALTITUDE = 0.100000 05 FT  
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MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.383470 02 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.870360 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.336180 01

MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.253850 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.198610 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.286370-01

MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.128580 02 DEG  
VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.853090 02 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.175860 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.163050 00

VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.972250 02 FT/SEC  
POWER FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.204760 05 FT-LBS/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.135390 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.107600 00

VELOCITY FOR CLASSICAL MAXIMUM RANGE = 0.127960 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.781680 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.538000-01

SERVICE CEILING = 0.228310 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT SERVICE CEILING = 0.150450 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.116810 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.869700-01

ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.248760 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.154700 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.118670 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.888960-01

MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB SCHEDULE FROM 0.0 FT TO 0.100000 05 FT

H(FT)	R(C/FT/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)	P(FT-LBS/SEC)	CL	CD	T(SEC)
0.0	0.236640 02	0.127650 03	0.859940 05	0.785380 00	0.540550-01	0.0
0.500000 03	0.230980 02	0.127860 03	0.845340 05	0.794390 00	0.546820-01	0.213880 02
0.100000 04	0.225370 02	0.128070 03	0.830900 05	0.803460 00	0.553190-01	0.433040 02
0.150000 04	0.219800 02	0.128300 03	0.816430 05	0.812570 00	0.559660-01	0.657710 02
0.200000 04	0.214270 02	0.128520 03	0.802520 05	0.821740 00	0.566270-01	0.888130 02
0.250000 04	0.208790 02	0.128760 03	0.788580 05	0.830950 00	0.572970-01	0.112490 03
0.300000 04	0.203350 02	0.129010 03	0.774790 05	0.840200 00	0.579780-01	0.136720 03
0.350000 04	0.197950 02	0.129260 03	0.761160 05	0.849490 00	0.586690-01	0.161650 03
0.400000 04	0.192600 02	0.129530 03	0.747690 05	0.858810 00	0.593700-01	0.187250 03
0.450000 04	0.187290 02	0.129800 03	0.734370 05	0.868160 00	0.600810-01	0.213580 03
0.500000 04	0.182020 02	0.130090 03	0.721200 05	0.877530 00	0.608010-01	0.240670 03
0.550000 04	0.176790 02	0.130380 03	0.708190 05	0.886920 00	0.615300-01	0.268540 03
0.600000 04	0.171600 02	0.130680 03	0.695330 05	0.896320 00	0.622680-01	0.297250 03
0.650000 04	0.166450 02	0.131000 03	0.682620 05	0.905730 00	0.630150-01	0.326840 03
0.700000 04	0.161340 02	0.131330 03	0.670060 05	0.915140 00	0.637690-01	0.357350 03
0.750000 04	0.156270 02	0.131670 03	0.657640 05	0.924540 00	0.645310-01	0.388850 03
0.800000 04	0.151230 02	0.132020 03	0.645370 05	0.933930 00	0.652990-01	0.421380 03
0.850000 04	0.146230 02	0.132380 03	0.633240 05	0.943300 00	0.660730-01	0.455000 03
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0.950000 04	0.136350 02	0.133150 03	0.609420 05	0.961960 00	0.676380-01	0.525830 03
0.100000 05	0.131460 02	0.133550 03	0.597710 05	0.971220 00	0.684270-01	0.563180 03

Table 1. Performance of Cessna 182 with parabolic drag polar.

POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY  
REFERENCE ALTITUDE = 0.0 FEET

PA(FT-LBS/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)
0.0	0.0
0.291500 05	0.273300 02
0.524700 05	0.546700 02
0.699600 05	0.820000 02
0.816200 05	0.109330 03
0.874500 05	0.136670 03
0.909480 05	0.164000 03
0.944460 05	0.191330 03
0.958650 05	0.218670 03
0.967780 05	0.246000 03
0.973610 05	0.273330 03
0.979440 05	0.300670 03
0.994700 05	0.328000 03
0.994700 05	0.355330 03
0.994700 05	0.382660 03

AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

CD = 0.268800-01 \* 0.542420-01\*CL\*\*2 \* 0.177510-01\*CL\*\* 0.650000 01  
WING AREA = 0.174000 03 SQ.FT WEIGHT = 0.265000 04 LBS

STATIC PERFORMANCE AT AN ALTITUDE = 0.0 FT  
\*\*\*\*\* WITH MINIMUM TIME AND MOST ECONOMICAL CLIMB SCHEDULES TO A FINAL ALTITUDE = 0.100000 05 FT \*\*\*\*\*

MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.904650 02 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.156380 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.484180 00

MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.252570 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.200620 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.290630-01

MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.102200 02 DEG  
VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.117100 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.933380 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.854750-01

VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.125710 03 FT/SEC  
POWER FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.275450 05 FT-LBS/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.809850 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.669610-01

VELOCITY FOR CLASSICAL MAXIMUM RANGE = 0.142050 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.634230 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.496190-01

SERVICE CEILING = 0.194420 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT SERVICE CEILING = 0.175540 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.764240 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.616530-01

ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.212360 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.180230 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.770560 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.623480-01

MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB SCHEDULE FROM 0.0 FT TO 0.100000 05 FT

H(FT)	R/C(FT/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)	P(FT-LBS/SEC)	CL	CD	T(SEC)
0.0	0.222570 02	0.136010 03	0.873540 05	0.691830 00	0.544600-01	0.0
0.500000 03	0.216590 02	0.136620 03	0.859210 05	0.695810 00	0.548210-01	0.227750 02
0.100000 04	0.210650 02	0.137250 03	0.845040 05	0.699660 00	0.551740-01	0.461850 02
0.150000 04	0.204750 02	0.137890 03	0.831020 05	0.703390 00	0.555190-01	0.702630 02
0.200000 04	0.198890 02	0.138560 03	0.817160 05	0.707000 00	0.558560-01	0.950420 02
0.250000 04	0.193070 02	0.139250 03	0.803450 05	0.710490 00	0.561850-01	0.120560 03
0.300000 04	0.187280 02	0.139960 03	0.789890 05	0.713840 00	0.565040-01	0.144860 03
0.350000 04	0.181540 02	0.140690 03	0.776470 05	0.717080 00	0.568140-01	0.173980 03
0.400000 04	0.175830 02	0.141450 03	0.763200 05	0.720180 00	0.571150-01	0.201970 03
0.450000 04	0.170150 02	0.142220 03	0.750080 05	0.723160 00	0.574050-01	0.230880 03
0.500000 04	0.164510 02	0.143020 03	0.737090 05	0.726000 00	0.576840-01	0.260770 03
0.550000 04	0.158910 02	0.143840 03	0.724250 05	0.728720 00	0.579530-01	0.291700 03
0.600000 04	0.153350 02	0.144680 03	0.711550 05	0.731310 00	0.582110-01	0.323730 03
0.650000 04	0.147820 02	0.145540 03	0.698990 05	0.733760 00	0.584570-01	0.356950 03
0.700000 04	0.142330 02	0.146430 03	0.686570 05	0.736080 00	0.586910-01	0.391420 03
0.750000 04	0.136870 02	0.147340 03	0.674280 05	0.738280 00	0.589140-01	0.427260 03
0.800000 04	0.131440 02	0.148280 03	0.662130 05	0.740340 00	0.591240-01	0.464540 03
0.850000 04	0.126060 02	0.149240 03	0.650110 05	0.742270 00	0.593220-01	0.503390 03
0.900000 04	0.120700 02	0.150220 03	0.638230 05	0.744070 00	0.595080-01	0.543940 03
0.950000 04	0.115390 02	0.151220 03	0.626490 05	0.745730 00	0.596810-01	0.586320 03
0.100000 05	0.110100 02	0.152260 03	0.614880 05	0.747270 00	0.598410-01	0.630690 03

Table 2. Performance of the Cessna 182 with the the general drag polar.

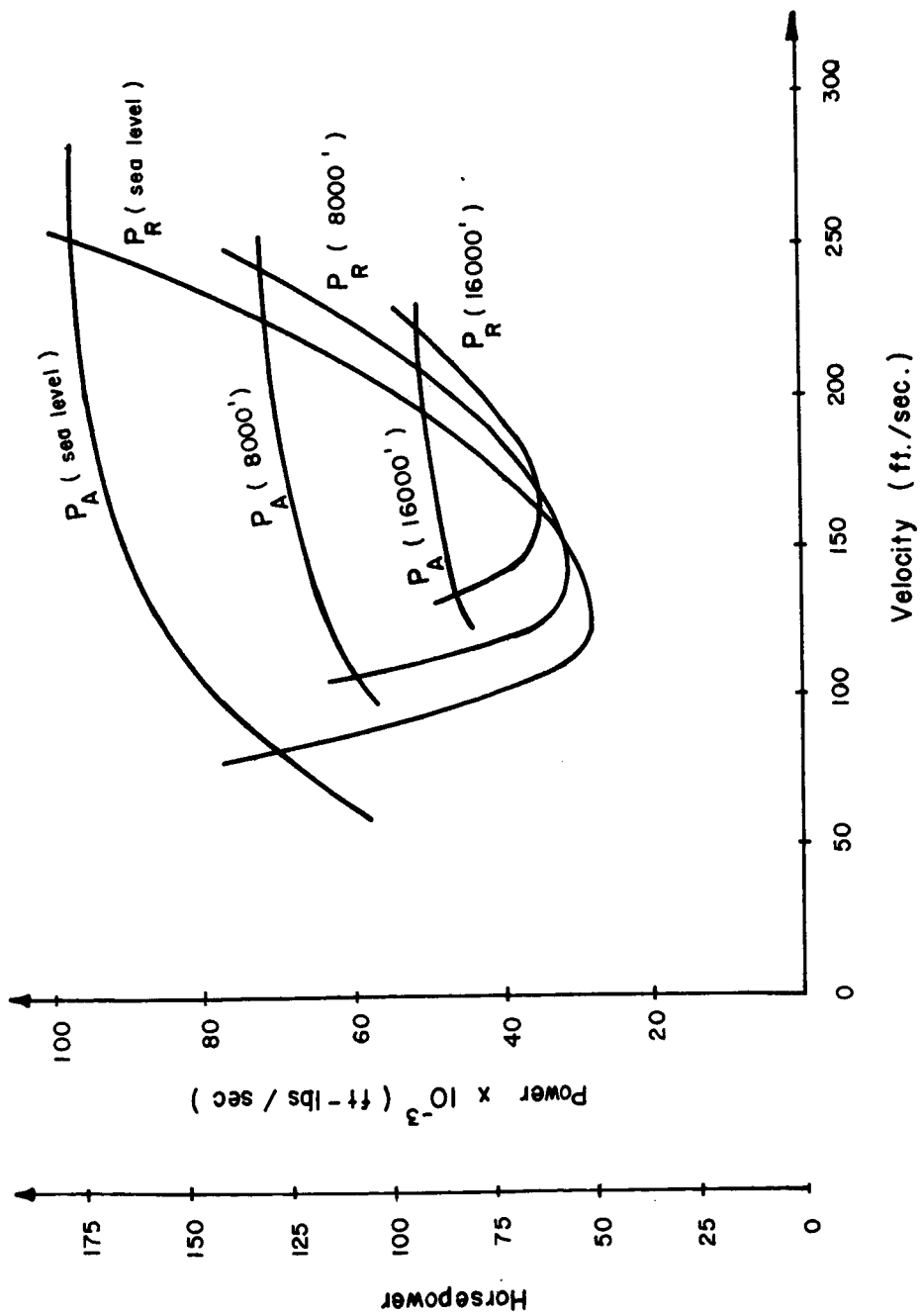


Figure 3. Power required and power available versus velocity.

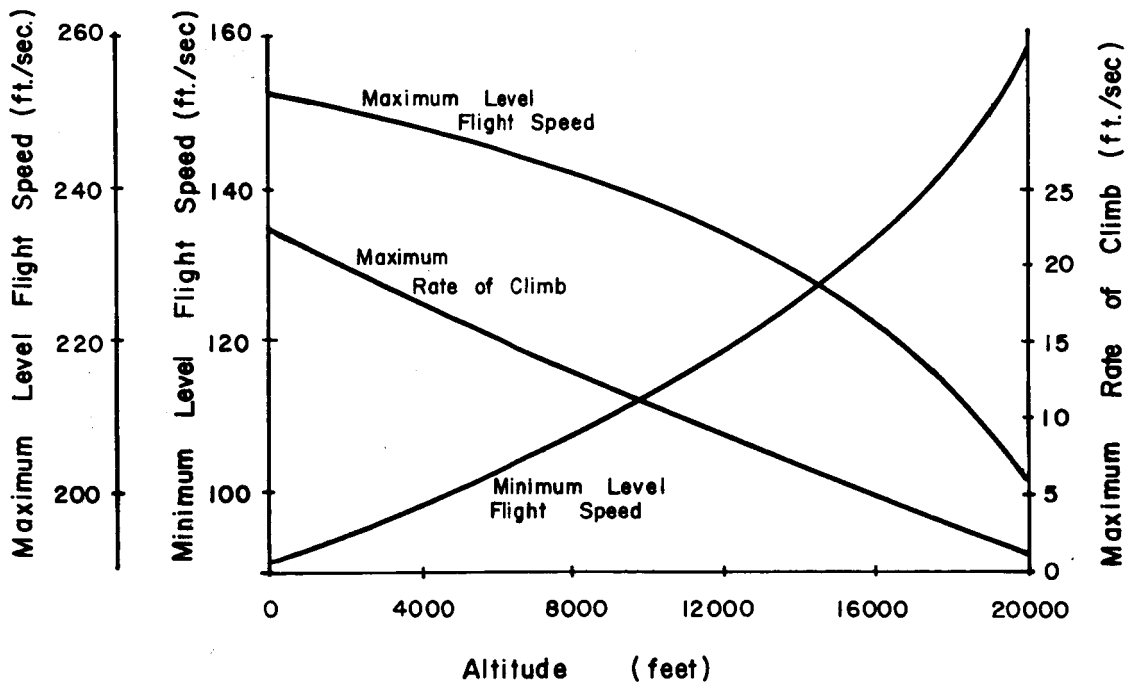
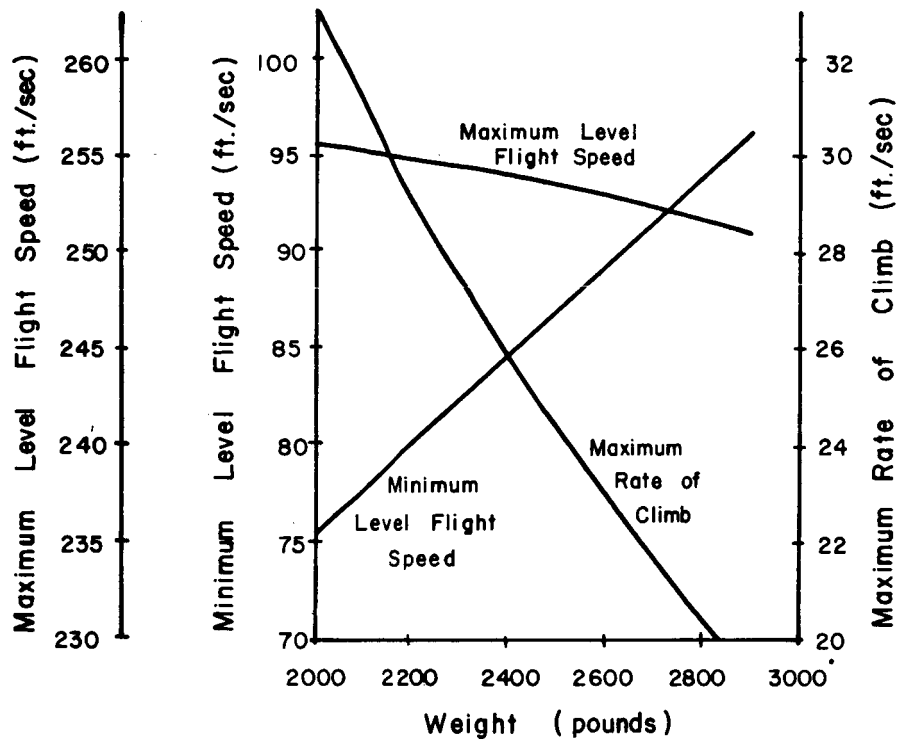


Figure 4. Effects of weight and altitude on maximum and minimum level flight speeds and maximum rate of climb.

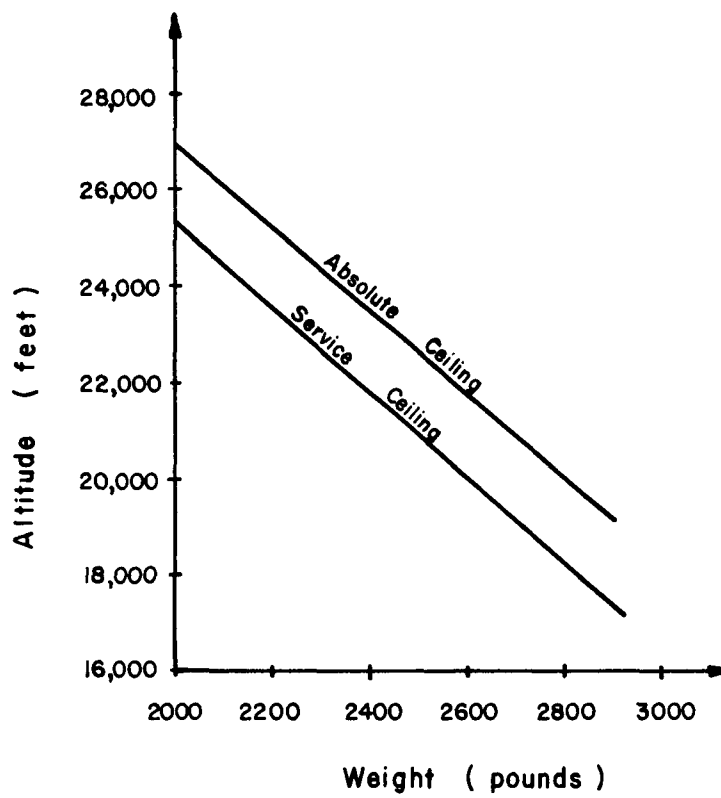


Figure 5. Service and absolute ceilings for various weights.

POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY  
REFERENCE ALTITUDE = 0.0 FEET

PA(FT-LBS/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)
0.0	0.0
0.36300D 05	0.28150D 02
0.65340D 05	0.56300D 02
0.87120D 05	0.84450D 02
0.10164D 06	0.11260D 03
0.10890D 06	0.14075D 03
0.11326D 06	0.16890D 03
0.11761D 06	0.19705D 03
0.11979D 06	0.22520D 03
0.12052D 06	0.25335D 03
0.12124D 06	0.28150D 03
0.12197D 06	0.30965D 03
0.12342D 06	0.33780D 03
0.12342D 06	0.36595D 03
0.12342D 06	0.39410D 03

AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

CD = 0.47000D-01 + 0.10153D-01\*CL\*\*2 + 0.43478D-01\*CL\*\* 0.54116D 01  
WING AREA = 0.18000D 03 SQ.FT WEIGHT = 0.27500D 04 LBS

STATIC PERFORMANCE AT AN ALTITUDE = 0.0 FT  
WITH MINIMUM TIME AND MOST ECONOMICAL CLIMB SCHEDULES TO A FINAL ALTITUDE = 0.10000D 05 FT  
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MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.90382D 02 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = C.15716D 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.57419D 00

MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.22731D 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = C.24840D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.47650D-01

MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.13081D 02 DEG  
VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.11727D 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.93349D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.85806D-01

VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.12351D 03 FT/SEC  
POWER FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.28772D 05 FT-LBS/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = C.84164D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.71296D-01

VELOCITY FOR CLASSICAL MAXIMUM RANGE = 0.13060D 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = C.79276D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.62103D-01

SERVICE CEILING = 0.22106D 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT SERVICE CEILING = 0.17782D 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.81810D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.68464D-01

ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.23725D 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.18262D 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = C.82044D 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.68732D-01

MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB SCHEDULE FROM 0.0 FT TO 0.10000D 05 FT

H(FT)	R/C(FT/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)	P(FT-LBS/SEC)	CL	CD	T(SEC)
0.0	0.28095D 02	0.13050D 03	0.10687D 06	0.75389D 00	0.62196D-01	0.0
0.50000D 03	0.27416D 02	0.13116D 03	0.10515D 06	0.75727D 00	0.62479D-01	0.18017D 02
0.10000D 04	0.26741D 02	0.13184D 03	0.10346D 06	0.76055D 00	0.62758D-01	0.36485D 02
0.15000D 04	0.26070D 02	0.13254D 03	0.10177D 06	0.76371D 00	0.63031D-01	0.55424D 02
0.20000D 04	0.25402D 02	0.13326D 03	0.10011D 06	0.76676D 00	0.63299D-01	0.74855D 02
0.25000D 04	0.24739D 02	0.13400D 03	0.98462D 05	0.76970D 00	0.63561D-01	0.94802D 02
0.30000D 04	0.24079D 02	0.13475D 03	0.96829D 05	0.77253D 00	0.63817D-01	0.11529D 03
0.35000D 04	0.23423D 02	0.13552D 03	0.95213D 05	0.77525D 00	0.64066D-01	0.13635D 03
0.40000D 04	0.22771D 02	0.13632D 03	0.93612D 05	0.77786D 00	0.64308D-01	0.15800D 03
0.45000D 04	0.22123D 02	0.13712D 03	0.92027D 05	0.78036D 00	0.64544D-01	0.18028D 03
0.50000D 04	0.21478D 02	0.13795D 03	0.90457D 05	0.78275D 00	0.64771D-01	0.20322D 03
0.55000D 04	0.20837D 02	0.13880D 03	0.88903D 05	0.78503D 00	0.64991D-01	0.22685D 03
0.60000D 04	0.20200D 02	0.13967D 03	0.87364D 05	0.78721D 00	0.65203D-01	0.25123D 03
0.65000D 04	0.19567D 02	0.14055D 03	0.85840D 05	0.78928D 00	0.65407D-01	0.27638D 03
0.70000D 04	0.18938D 02	0.14146D 03	0.84331D 05	0.79125D 00	0.65602D-01	0.30236D 03
0.75000D 04	0.18312D 02	0.14238D 03	0.82836D 05	0.79313D 00	0.65791D-01	0.32921D 03
0.80000D 04	0.17690D 02	0.14332D 03	0.81356D 05	0.79493D 00	0.65973D-01	0.35700D 03
0.85000D 04	0.17071D 02	0.14428D 03	0.79891D 05	0.79665D 00	0.66149D-01	0.38577D 03
0.90000D 04	0.16457D 02	0.14525D 03	0.78441D 05	0.79828D 00	0.66317D-01	0.41561D 03
0.95000D 04	0.15846D 02	0.14623D 03	0.77004D 05	0.79983D 00	0.66478D-01	0.44658D 03
0.10000D 05	0.15239D 02	0.14726D 03	0.75583D 05	0.80131D 00	0.66631D-01	0.47876D 03

Table 3. Performance of the Navion for a general drag polar.



## TAKE-OFF AND LANDING PERFORMANCE

The static performance previously discussed has been concerned primarily with the cruising and climbing aircraft. However, the complete performance analysis must also include a discussion of take-off and landing. Take-off performance analysis can usually be divided into two parts, ground run and climb over a 50 foot obstacle. Analogously, landing consists of the approach (from a 50 foot altitude to touch-down) and the ground run. A brief analysis of both take-off and landing performance taken largely from Reference 15 is presented below.

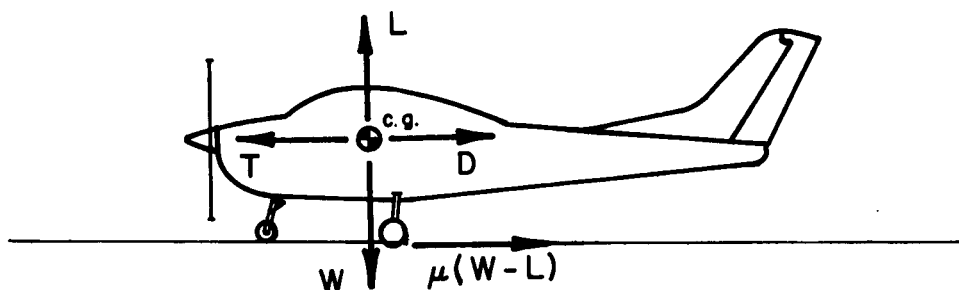


Figure 6. Forces acting on an aircraft during landing and take-off.

### Take-Off Ground Run

The distance traversed by an airplane on level ground in accelerating from one speed to another can be expressed by

$$ds = \frac{VdV}{\bar{a}} ,$$

where

$$V = \frac{ds}{dt} \text{ and } \bar{a} = \frac{dV}{dt} .$$

The ground run can thus be found by integrating the above expression to yield

$$S_G = s_Y - s_X = \int_{V_X}^{V_Y} \frac{VdV}{\bar{a}} . \quad (21)$$

If the airplane is starting from rest  $V_X = 0$  and  $V_Y = V_{LOF}$  = velocity at lift-off. The effects of wind on take-off can be accounted for by letting  $V_X = V_W$  = velocity of the headwind and by replacing  $V$  by  $(V - V_W)$  since  $\bar{a}$  is a function of ground velocity  $(V - V_W)$ .

The frictional force of the wheels on the runway is a force which acts in the same direction as the drag force. This force is proportional to the weight less the lift and is given by

$$F_f = (W - L) \mu$$

where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction. The value of  $\mu$  depends upon the type of runway surface used. Typical values of  $\mu$  are given below (Ref. 29):

SURFACE	$\mu$
Concrete, asphalt, or wood	0.02
Hard turf	0.04
Average field - short grass	0.05
Average field - long grass	0.10
Soft ground	0.10 $\rightarrow$ 0.30

Table 4. Typical values of  $\mu$  for various runway surfaces.

In addition to the frictional force opposing the thrust there is a drag force so that the acceleration during the ground run is given by

$$\bar{a} = \frac{g[T - D - \mu(W - L)]}{W} \quad (22)$$

Expressing drag and lift in coefficient form the distance equation (21) can be expressed as

$$S_G = \int_{V_w}^{V_{LOF}} \frac{W}{g} \frac{(V - V_w) dV}{[T - \mu W - (C_D - \mu C_L) \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma V^2]} \quad (23)$$

where  $S_G$  is the ground distance required for take-off. For take-off  $C_D$ ,  $C_L$ , and  $W$  can be assumed to be independent of velocity and the thrust,  $T$ , can be found from  $P/V$  where  $P$  will be the maximum power. Since  $dt = dV/\bar{a}$ , the time to lift-off can be expressed as:

$$t_G = \int_{V_w}^{V_{LOF}} \frac{W}{g} \frac{dV}{[T - \mu W - (C_D - \mu C_L) \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma V^2 S]} \quad (24)$$

Since a numerical integration technique is required to evaluate the integrals given in Equations (23) and (24), a comparatively simple method for predicting the take-off ground run and the time to lift-off is also offered. This method (Ref. 14), presented in 1933, was intended as a practical approximation to a difficult problem. The steps proceed as follows:

$$(1) \text{ Evaluate } \frac{T_1}{W} = \frac{(K_{T_O})(\text{BHP})}{(W)(N)(D)} - \mu,$$

$$\text{and } \frac{T_F}{W} = \frac{(550)(\text{thp}_m)}{W V_s} \left( \frac{\text{thp}}{\text{thp}_m} \right) - \frac{D}{L}$$

where:

$K_{T_O}$  = static thrust coefficient (Figure 7 or 8)

BHP = engine brake horsepower

N = engine speed in revolutions per minute

D = propeller diameter in feet

W = take-off weight in pounds

$\mu$  = coefficient of wheel friction (Table 4)

$\text{thp}_m$  = maximum thrust horsepower

$\left( \frac{\text{thp}}{\text{thp}_m} \right)$  = ratio of thrust horsepower at speed V  
to thrust horsepower at maximum speed  
(Figure 9)

$\frac{D}{L}$  = the reciprocal of the maximum value of  
L/D which is either known or estimated  
(Figure 10)

$V_s$  = take-off velocity.

$$(2) \text{ Evaluate } S_O = \frac{K_S V_s^2}{\left( \frac{T_1}{W} \right)} \text{ and } t_O = \frac{K_t V_s}{\left( \frac{T_1}{W} \right)}$$

where:

$S_O$  = take-off ground run

$t_O$  = time required to lift-off

$K_S$  = take-off coefficient in Figure 11 as a  
function of  $(T_F/W)/(T_1/W)$

$K_t$  = time coefficient in Figure 12 as a function  
of  $(T_F/W)/(T_1/W)$ .

(3) Corrections for take-off headwind and take-off weight changes can be obtained from Figures 13 and 14 by using the two relations given below:

$$S_w = S_O \left( \frac{S_w}{S_O} \right) \text{ and } \frac{S_1}{S_2} = F \left( \frac{W_1}{W_2} \right)^2$$

where:

$\left(\frac{S_w}{S_0}\right)$  = ratio of take-off distance in headwind to distance in a calm (Figure 13)

F = weight correction factor (Figure 14):

Because of the lack of good theoretical lift, drag, and thrust data a comparison of the two methods presented for estimating the take-off ground distance and the time to lift-off has been omitted.

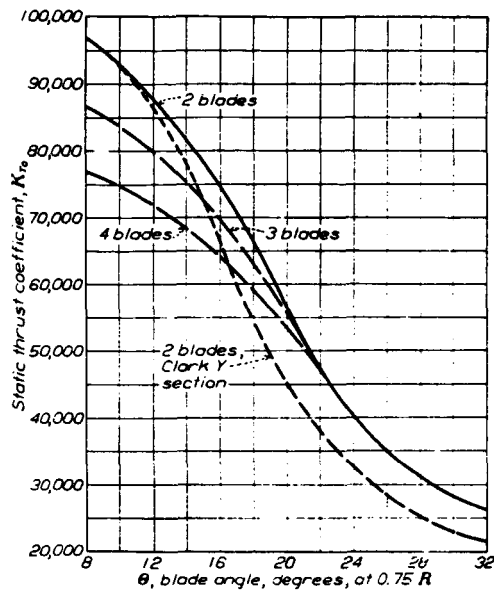


Figure 7. Static thrust coefficient versus  $\theta$ .

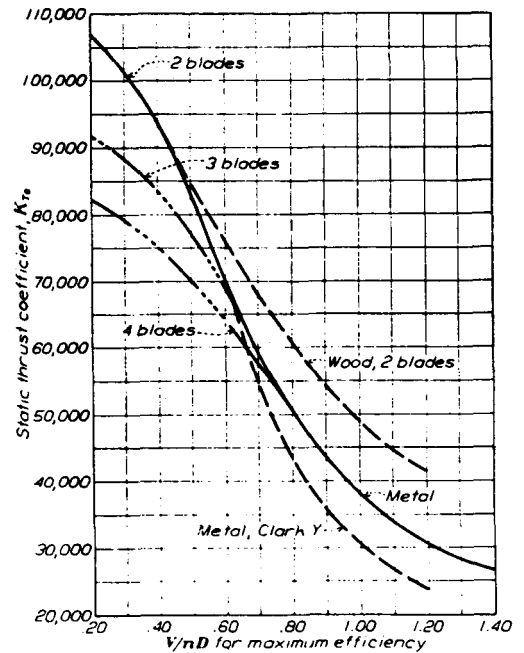


Figure 8. Static thrust coefficient versus  $V/nD$ .

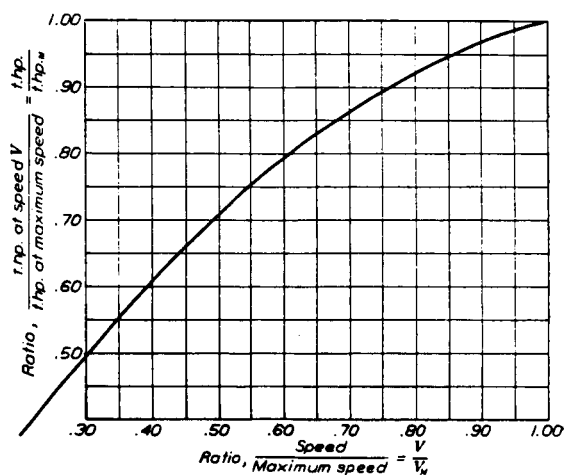


Figure 9. General full-throttle t.hp. curve.

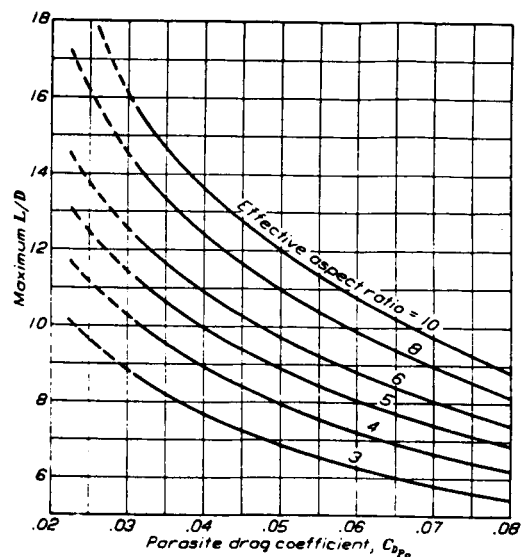


Figure 10. Maximum L/D versus parasite drag coefficient.

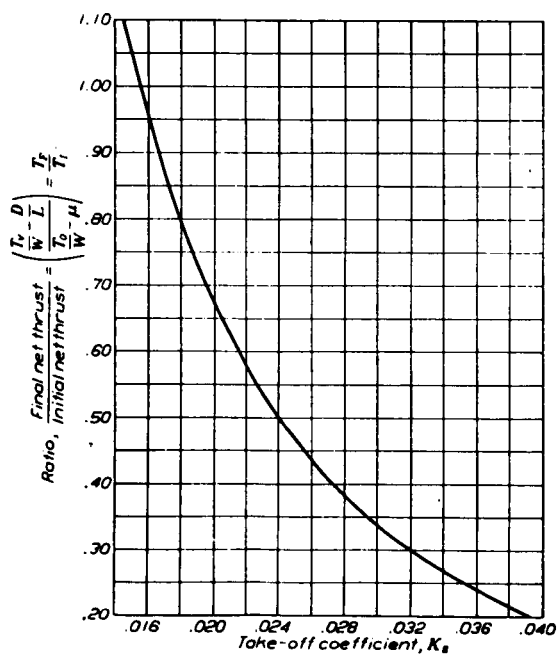


Figure 11. Take-off run in calm.

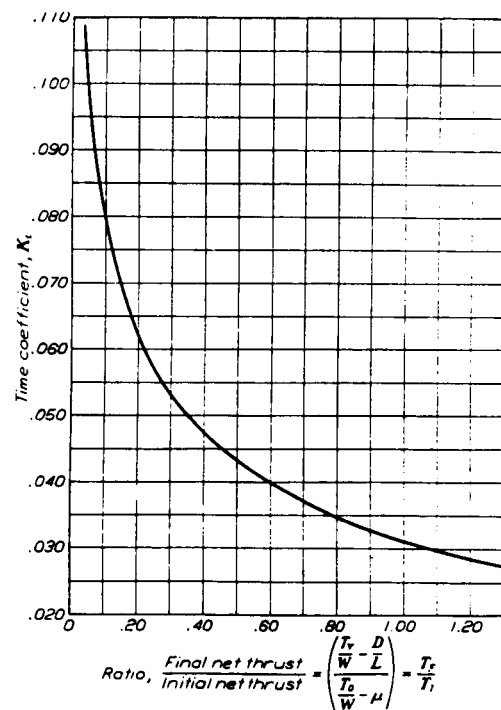


Figure 12. Coefficient for time to take-off.

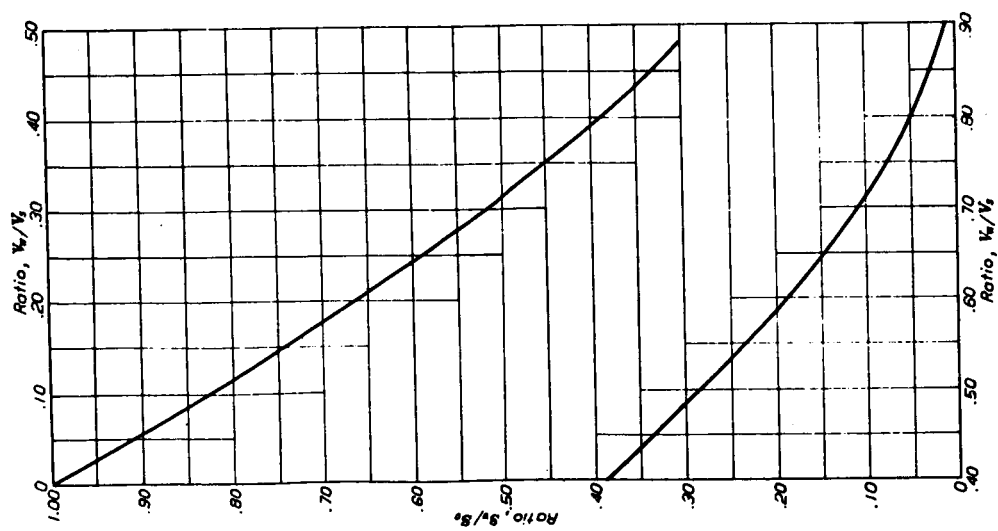


Figure 13. Effect of wind on take-off run

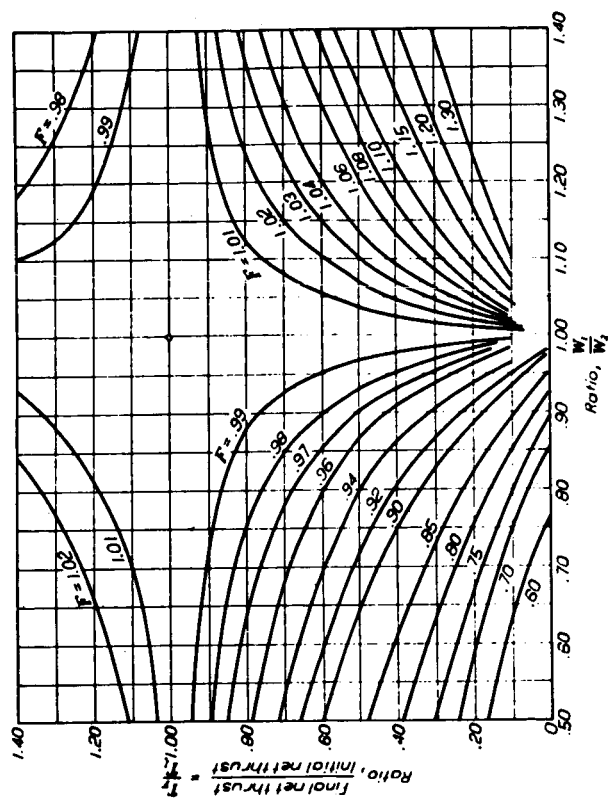


Figure 14. Effect of weight on take-off run.

### Climb to 50 Feet

The approximate ground distance traveled in attaining an altitude of 50 feet after lift-off can be expressed by a relation similar to the one given for the ground run distance:

$$S = \int_{V_{LOF}}^{V_{50}} \frac{(V - V_w)}{\bar{a}} dt ,$$

or

$$S_{50} = \int_{V_{LOF}}^{V_{50}} \frac{W}{g} \frac{(V - V_w) dV}{[T - (C_D) \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma V^2]} \quad (25)$$

where  $V_{50}$  is the velocity of the airplane at an altitude of 50 feet. The time required to attain an altitude of 50 feet can similarly be expressed as:

$$t_{50} = \int_{V_{LOF}}^{V_{50}} \frac{W}{g} \frac{dV}{[T - (C_D) \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma V^2]} \quad (26)$$

The total take-off distance traversed in going from a position of rest to an altitude of 50 feet is thus  $S_G + S_{50}$ , and the total take-off time is  $t_G + t_{50}$ . Equations (3), (4), (5), and (6) can be integrated numerically if the velocities, which are the limits of integration, are known; if  $C_D$  and  $C_L$  are considered independent of velocity, and if the functional form of  $T(V)$  is known. As an aid for estimating  $V_{LOF}$  and  $V_{50}$  it should be noted that Part 23 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (Ref. 30) requires that  $V_{50}$  be at least 1.3 times the zero thrust stall speed. One would also expect  $V_{LOF}$  to be approximately 1.1 times the stall speed.

### Landing Approach

The landing approach can be divided into two parts--a steady-state glide path where the airplane is in the final landing configuration prior to touch-down and the flare.

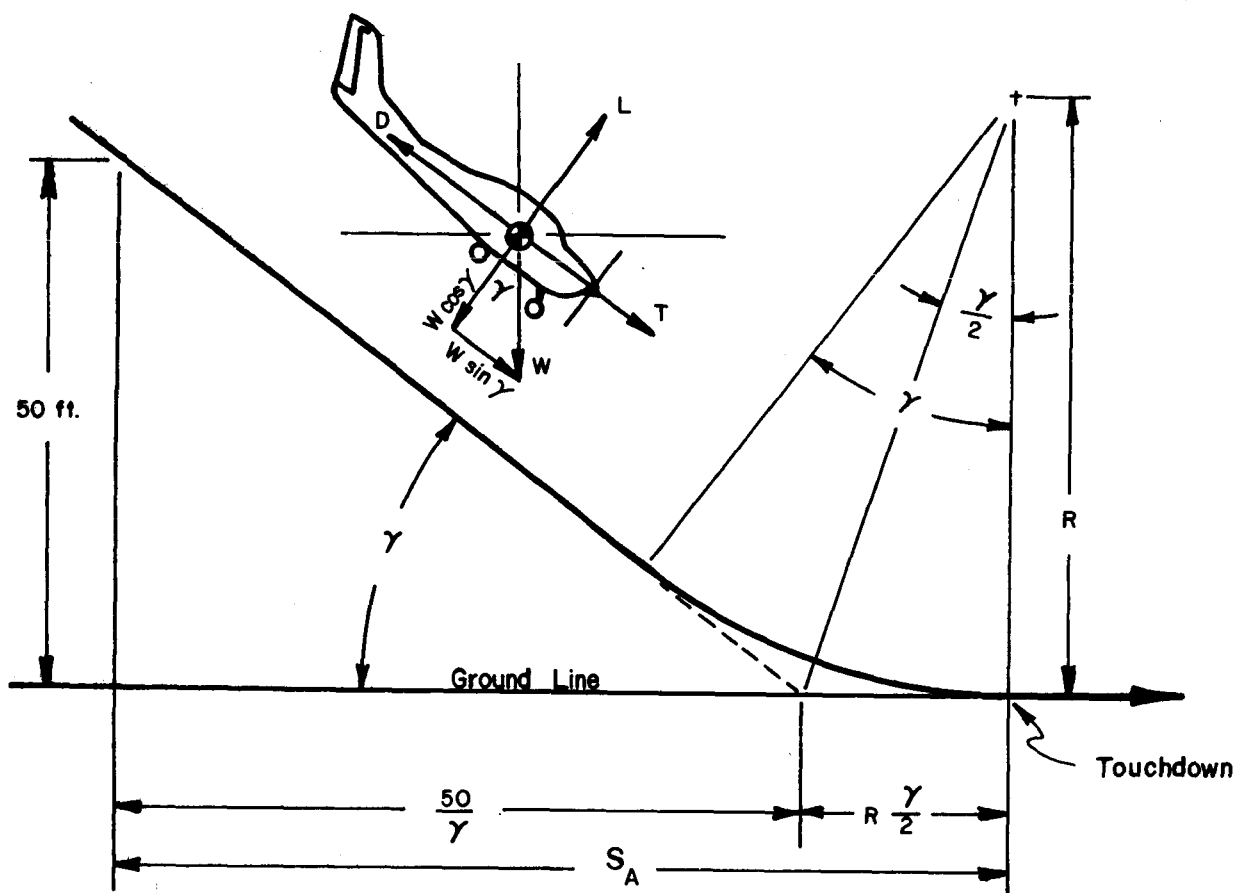


Figure 15. Typical pattern for landing approach, flare, and touchdown.

Assuming that the flare is a circular arc (Figure 15) and that  $\gamma$  is small, then  $S_A$ , the ground distance traversed in descending from an altitude of 50 feet to touchdown, can be expressed as:

$$S_A = \frac{50}{\gamma} + \frac{R\gamma}{2} \quad (27)$$

Since  $\gamma$  is small,  $V$  is assumed to be constant during the approach glide. An expression for  $\gamma$  and  $R$  must now be determined. With the weight approximately equal to the lift,  $\gamma$  can be written as

$$\gamma = \frac{C_D}{C_L} - \frac{T}{W} \quad (28)$$

The acceleration normal to the flight path needed to flare is attained by rotating the airplane to a higher  $C_L$  value, say  $C'_L$ . The lift force during the flare can be written



$$L' = C_L' \rho_o \frac{\sigma}{2} S V^2 .$$

Then the force normal to the flight path is

$$F_N = L' - W \cos \gamma = L' - W .$$

However, during the glide  $L \approx W$ ; thus  $L'/W = C_L'/C_L$ . The normal force can therefore be written as

$$F_N = W \frac{C_L'}{C_L} - W = W(n - 1) \quad (29)$$

where  $n = C_L'/C_L =$  load factor (the maximum value of  $n$  which may be applied to  $C_L$  is dictated by stall or buffet limits).

The force normal to the flight path can also be expressed as

$$F_N = \frac{W}{g} a_N$$

where

$$a_N = \frac{V^2}{R} .$$

Equating the two expression for normal force yields the relation

$$W(n - 1) = \frac{W}{g} \frac{V^2}{R}$$

or

$$R = \frac{V^2}{g(n - 1)} . \quad (30)$$

But,

$$V^2 = \frac{L'}{S} \frac{2}{\rho_o \sigma C_L'} = \frac{nW}{S} \frac{2}{\rho_o \sigma C_L'} . \quad (31)$$

With equation (28), (30), and (31) and the fact that  $C_L' = nC_L$ , equation (27) can be expressed as

$$S_A = \frac{50}{\left(\frac{C_D}{C_L} - \frac{T}{W}\right)} + \frac{\frac{W}{S} \left(\frac{C_D}{C_L} - \frac{T}{W}\right)}{\rho_o \sigma g(n - 1) C_L} . \quad (32)$$

The ground distance for approach can thus be estimated if  $C_D$ ,  $C_L$ ,  $T$ , and the change in lift coefficient which occurs during the flare,  $n$ , are known.

#### Landing Ground Run

The landing ground run can be described as (1) a short ground run (approximately two seconds) immediately following touchdown while the airplane

is being changed from landing configuration to braking configuration and (2) the remaining ground run which brings the airplane to a complete stop. The distance covered in landing transition is taken to be

$$S_{\text{TRAN}} = \frac{V_{\text{TD}} + V_B}{2} \Delta t_{\text{TRAN}} \quad (33)$$

where

$V_{\text{TD}}$  = touchdown velocity\*,

$V_B$  = speed at full braking configuration,

$\Delta t_{\text{TRAN}}$  = the transition time from touchdown to full braking (approximately 2 seconds).

The ground run braking distance is obtained in the same manner as the take-off ground run,

$$S_B = \int_{V_B}^{V_w} \frac{(V - V_w)}{\bar{a}} dV \quad (34)$$

where

$V_B$  = initial braking speed,

$V_w$  = headwind velocity,

$\bar{a}$  = deceleration rate.

The acceleration (deceleration if it is negative) term derived in the take-off section may be used here with an appropriate braking value of  $\mu$  (a good approximate value of  $\mu$  for aircraft tires on an asphalt runway is 0.3)

Thus,

$$S_B = \int_{V_B}^{V_w} \frac{W(V - V_w) dV}{g[T - \mu_B W - (C_D - \mu_B C_L) \frac{\sigma}{2} V^2 \rho_0 S]} \quad (35)$$

In using the above equation the values of  $C_D$  and  $C_L$  must be those actually obtained in a landing run. For instance, if the flaps are retracted after touchdown then the approach  $C_L$  should not be used to calculate the braking distance. Similarly if an aircraft is equipped with reversible-pitch propellers, the thrust term should take this into account. If a reversible propeller is not used then  $T$  should represent the idle thrust.

If one desires to achieve the minimum braking distance then a large negative value of the acceleration term is desired. This is best obtained with a negative thrust (reversible propeller), a high drag coefficient, and a low value of  $C_L$ .

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\* It should be remembered that the touchdown velocity must be low enough that the lift will not be greater than the weight at the touchdown altitude.

## PATH PERFORMANCE

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PATH PERFORMANCE EQUATIONS AND THE INTEGRATION PROCEDURE EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN FLIGHT TIME HISTORIES

In recent years, development of the digital computer and improved numerical techniques have made possible the prediction of aircraft performance in a somewhat more sophisticated manner. Prior to this, the static analysis detailed in the preceding section was used exclusively in estimating aircraft performance. However, when more-refined analysis is desired the approach most often employed is integration of the vehicle equations of motion, a system of simultaneous, ordinary differential equations. This integration yields time histories of both vehicle and flight path parameters for various control inputs. By repeatedly solving these equations for diversified inputs, the practical optimum of some desired parameter (i.e., range, rate of climb, . . .) may be approached.

The general equations governing aircraft performance as derived in Appendix B have been programmed for numerical solution. A discussion of the solution procedure and of some typical results for various input combinations constitutes the majority of the section. A detailed user guide, complete with an example case and a program listing, is presented in Appendix D.

The basic equations (B-19) are presented below for reference.

$$\dot{x} = V \cos \gamma \quad (36)$$

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma \quad (37)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{gP}{WV} - \frac{g}{W} \frac{SV^2}{2} C_D(\alpha) \rho(h) - g \sin \gamma \quad (38)$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{W} \frac{SV}{2} C_L(\alpha) \rho(h) - \frac{g}{V} \cos \gamma \quad (39)$$

$$\dot{W} = -cP \quad (40)$$

$$\rho(h) = \rho_0 (1.0 - 6.86 \times 10^{-6} h)^{4.26} \quad (41)$$

$$C_L(\alpha) = C_{L_\alpha} \alpha + C_{L_{(\alpha=0)}} \quad (42)$$

$$C_D(\alpha) = C_{D_0} + k[C_L(\alpha)]^2 + k_1[C_L(\alpha)]^{k_2} \quad (43)$$

$$P \leq P_{\max}(h, V) \quad (44)$$

The first equation, which relates the horizontal distance traveled to the velocity and flight path angle, is added to those of Appendix B to permit the direct calculation of range. Note that the fuel-flow rate is considered to be directly proportional to engine power rather than to thrust, since concern here is primarily for aircraft powered by piston engines. Also, the variation in thrust with angle of attack is restricted to small  $\alpha$ , since the thrust vector is assumed to lie along the body axis.\*

In programming the general equations, Equation (43) was simplified by setting  $k$  equal to zero, yielding the following functional form.

$$C_D(\alpha) = C_{D_0} + k_1[C_L(\alpha)]^{k_2} \quad (45)$$

When drag data are available, the three parameters in Equation (45) ( $C_{D_0}$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ) may be found by the curve-fitting scheme presented in the previous section. A comparison of the accuracy obtained by fitting drag data with the three parameters of Equation (45) as opposed to the four parameters of Equation (43) indicates a negligible difference except for angles of attack approaching stall. Since most performance trajectories do not entail continued operation near the minimum speed, this simplification introduces no significant error. For calculations in which operation near the minimum velocity is of primary interest, the reader should investigate the procedure presented in the previous section which employs the four parameter fit to drag data.

If drag data are not accessible, the standard parabolic drag polar evolves from Equation (45) as follows:

$$C_D(\alpha) = C_{D_0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e AR} \quad (46)$$

where

- $e$  = Oswald's efficiency factor
- $AR$  = wing aspect ratio
- $C_{D_0}$  = drag coefficient which is independent of angle of attack.

From a mathematical viewpoint, the performance problem is one of solving four nonlinear ordinary differential equations involving six dependent variables and one independent variable--time. Consequently, there are two degrees of freedom which imply an infinite number of trajectories for each set of initial conditions. To obtain a unique trajectory, time histories of six unknowns must be specified. Although there are fifteen possible combinations of these unknowns taken two at a time, the programmed solution procedure allows the user to specify only fourteen sets of inputs since weight and power can not be specified independently. The optimal desired

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\* These restrictions are not fundamental to the technique. More general expressions, if available, may easily be substituted without significant increase in computing time.

(range, rate of climb, etc.) strongly influences the selection of variables to be specified. The variation of any chosen variable and its derivatives is assumed known throughout the entire trajectory. Initial conditions for each of the differentiated variables must be provided for use in starting the integration procedure.

The integration technique, essentially a Runge-Kutta Adams-Bashforth predictor-corrector procedure, was altered on the basis of a paper by Charles Treanor (Ref. 31). Since it is self-starting, the modified Runge-Kutta was used to calculate the first four points. Then the modified predictor-corrector performed the remaining integration until the step size was either increased or decreased due to some error criterion.

The following is a brief synopsis of the evolution of the integration procedure from the classical Runge-Kutta into its final form. The modification proposed by Treanor is applicable to any differential equation in which the derivative of the dependent variable has a strong dependence on the difference between the value of the variable and that of some slowly changing function. This type behavior is notably evident in calculating the derivative of flight path angle as can be seen by grouping the right hand side of Equation (39) as follows:

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{V} \left( \frac{\rho(h)V^2 S}{2} C_L \right) \frac{1}{W} - \frac{g}{V} \cos \gamma . \quad (47)$$

Substituting for the lift and rearranging yields:

$$\dot{\gamma} = - \frac{g}{V} \left[ \cos \gamma - \frac{L}{W} \right] . \quad (48)$$

Obviously, the derivative is strongly dependent upon  $\gamma$  and the slowly changing lift to weight ratio. When solving a system of equations using standard Runge-Kutta Adams-Bashforth technique, the above equation induces enormous oscillations which severely restrict the size of the integration increment. The Treanor modification to the classical Runge-Kutta method removes these oscillations in any integration interval where this strong dependence is detected. For regions not exhibiting this particular behavior, the modified method reverts to classical fourth order Runge-Kutta.

However, even with the enlarged integration step size permitted by the modified Runge-Kutta, solution of the system of equations proved to be very costly (in computer time) when integrating trajectories of long duration (*i.e.*, eight hours or more). This is because Runge-Kutta procedures essentially obtain the solution twice for each integration interval. In a particular interval the results are first computed at  $t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t$  and then recomputed using steps of  $t/2$ . A comparison between the two results indicates the accuracy obtained and determines whether the integration step size should be increased or decreased. Thus the equations are actually solved twice, once in normal step sizes and again in half steps with a comparison following the larger step. This computational complexity suggests the use of a fourth order predictor-corrector such as that of Adams-Bashforth (Ref. 32). A modification of this predictor-corrector,

which can accommodate derivatives strongly related to the value of the dependent variable and which provides the compatibility conditions necessary for use with the modified Runge-Kutta procedure, is derived in Appendix G. Use of this combined integration procedure permitted the step size to increase by one to three orders of magnitude depending upon the type and nature of the specified variables. Computational times were so drastically reduced that integration of eight to ten hour flight trajectories were relatively inexpensive. Execution times for an eight hour trajectory may vary from about nine seconds, for a solution having altitude and angle of attack specified as constant, to slightly more than two minutes for a trajectory with a superimposed oscillatory mode which results from specification of angle of attack as a constant and power as the maximum available.

The constraint on the general performance problem, Equation (44), demands that the power for any flight maneuver always be less than or equal to the maximum power available at a particular altitude and velocity. To fulfill this requirement, the maximum power available as a function of altitude and velocity must be determined for the aircraft under investigation. The calculation of  $P_{\max}(h,V)$  for use in this general integration procedure is detailed in the previous section. Briefly, the technique utilizes a spline fit of several power available versus velocity points at some reference altitude to predict the maximum power available at any altitude and velocity. The program compares the actual power calculated with  $P_{\max}(h,V)$  at each integration step to insure that the resulting trajectory satisfies the maximum power available constraint.

## TYPICAL RESULTS FROM INTEGRATION OF THE PATH PERFORMANCE EQUATIONS

The performance of a vehicle in actual flight may exhibit many features of interest in addition to the equilibrium maximums predicted by static calculations. Some aircraft experience accelerations too severe for reliable static approximation. For example, in a zoom maneuver or a rapid climb, the airframe dynamics are obviously nonlinear and their description demands a more sophisticated treatment. Large weight changes associated with high power loadings also emphasize the need for this type analysis. The following examples serve to illustrate this treatment and will, perhaps, encourage the reader's use of the more realistic path performance approach possibly employing the accompanying computer program (Appendix D).

The following examples all employ the classical parabolic drag polar. However, computation with the three parameter polar of Equation (45) proceeds with equal ease. A value for  $C_{D_0}$  was taken from Reference 1 and  $c$ , the specific fuel consumption, was given an average value of 0.6 lbs/hp-hr.

First, the determination of aircraft range for several different sets of specified parameters was investigated. When considering the prediction of maximum range for a given amount of fuel, the investigator who draws upon his previous experience immediately considers angle of attack as one of the specified variables, since for quasi-steady conditions flying at  $\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$  produces the greatest range per pound of fuel. Calculations carried out using the path performance equations (and discussed below) prove the validity of this result for light aircraft. The second specified variable could be any of several whose effect on the resulting trajectory might yield an increased range. To determine  $\alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$  for the three parameter drag polar of Equation (45), first form the ratio  $(C_L/C_D)$  and differentiate with respect to  $C_L$ , set the derivative equal to zero, then solve for  $C_{L(L/D)_{\max}}$ . This process yields

$$C_{L(L/D)_{\max}} = \left[ \frac{C_{D_0}}{k_1(k_2 - 1)} \right]^{1/k_2} \quad (49)$$

For the parabolic drag polar,  $k_2 = 2$ , and

$$C_{L(L/D)_{\max}} = \left( \frac{C_{D_0}}{k_1} \right)^{1/2} \quad (50)$$

or

$$C_{D_i} = C_{D_0} \quad (\text{at } \alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}) \quad (51)$$

Inserting (50) into Equation (42) yields  $\alpha$  for maximum lift to drag ratio. Each trajectory began with similar initial conditions and was terminated upon consumption of 222 pounds of fuel. Initial and final values for several pairs of specified variables are given in Table 5.

	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4		Case 5	
Parameter	Initial Value	Final Value	Initial Value	Final Value	Initial Value	Final Value	Initial Value	Final Value	Initial Value	Final Value
t, minutes	0.0	480.3	0.0	380.3	0.0	460.0	0.0	472.0	0.0	384.0
h, feet	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	12,780.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.
V, feet/second	149.0	142.6	177.9	170.2	151.0	151.0	149.0	142.8	149.0	142.7
$\gamma$ , degrees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	.03834	0.0	- 3.88	0.0	- 3.9
$\alpha$ , degrees	5.8778	5.8778	3.0	3.0	5.8778	5.8778	5.8778	5.8778	5.8778	5.8778
$C_L$	.7817	.7817	.5503	.5503	.7817	.7817	.7817	.7817	.7817	.7817
$C_D$	.0538	.0538	.04023	.04023	.0538	.0538	.0538	.0538	.0538	.0538
W, pounds	2650	2428	2650	2428	2650	2428	2650	2428	2650	2428
P, horsepower	49.4	43.3	62.6	54.9	50.07	48.9	49.4	0.0	111.3	0.0
x, miles	0.0	795.5	0.0	752.0	0.0	788.6	0.0	794.5	0.0	795.0
Description of Specified Variables:	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \text{constant}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	$\alpha = \alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$
	= .10258 rad	= .05236 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad	= .10258 rad
	= 5.8778°	= 3.0°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°	= 5.8778°
	h = constant	h = constant	h = constant	h = constant	V = constant	V = constant	$P = P_{\text{req}} \left( \frac{\sigma - .165}{\sigma_{\text{ref}} - .165} \right)$	$P = P_{\text{max}}(V, h)$		
	= 10,000 ft	= 10,000 ft	= 10,000 ft	= 10,000 ft	= 151 ft/sec	= 151 ft/sec	$= (27173) \left( \frac{\sigma - .165}{.5734} \right)$			

Table 5. Results of several test cases designed to obtain maximum range.



The specified variables for Case (1) are constant angle of attack and constant altitude. During the eight-hour trajectory, the weight decreased by 222 pounds with an associated velocity drop of 6.4 feet per second and a corresponding power reduction of about 6 hp. In Case (2) a smaller angle of attack ( $\alpha = 3$  degrees) was specified and the other parameters remained as in Case (1). After expending 222 pounds of fuel, the range was 43 miles less than for Case (1). This illustrates the advantage of flying with angle of attack for maximum lift to drag ratio. In Case (3), angle of attack and a slightly larger velocity than that resulting from previous trajectories were specified. This attempt to further range through a slight increase in speed proved futile, since the vehicle climbed nearly 2,000 feet and then began to glide after using the allotted fuel until at the same final altitude it obtained an equivalent range.

In Case (4) the power was specified as the minimum required for level flight--at 10,000 feet with  $\alpha = \alpha(L/D)_{\max}$ --multiplied by a factor to allow for density variation as the vehicle climbs due to fuel usage. Once the weight reached 2,428 pounds (222 pounds of fuel burned), the power was set equal zero and the vehicle permitted to glide until it descended to 10,000 feet altitude. A similar power schedule was followed in Case (5) with the exception that power was assigned to be the maximum available as a function of local altitude and velocity. As before, when fuel consumption reached 222 pounds, the power was set equal zero with the effect being a glide descent to 10,000 feet. Figure 16 presents a comparison of power schedules with the resulting altitude and velocity variations. The vehicle of Case (4) glided the last six miles; whereas, the Case (5) craft finished by gliding for nearly 45 miles. However, as Table 5 indicates, both trajectories produced the same range, but Case (5) required nearly 1.5 hours less flight time.

Motivation produced by the performance optimization study of Reference 33 led to the investigation of aircraft range using a combination of three power settings. The trajectory was divided into three sections--ascent, cruise, and descent--with a different power setting corresponding to each regime. First, the power was designated as the maximum available for the ascent stage; then at some predetermined altitude the power was reset so that during cruise the thrust and drag were equal; finally, when the assigned portion of fuel (common to each trajectory) was consumed, the power was shut off and the vehicle executed a glide descent back to its initial altitude. Since range was of primary concern, the second variable was specified as  $\alpha = \alpha(L/D)_{\max}$ . A family of trajectories was integrated with the altitude for switching the power from maximum to that for thrust equal drag being varied from 14,000 feet to 22,000 feet in increments of 2000 feet. Figure 17 presents altitude and power variations corresponding to the upper and lower switching altitudes. After descent to 10,000 feet, the range for every trajectory was equivalent. Since these flights were only five hours in length, the final range was compared with Case (1) of Table 5 at the five hour mark and they were also equivalent. The major conclusion from the above investigation of aircraft range is that most trajectories will produce ranges of equal magnitude whenever one of the specified variables

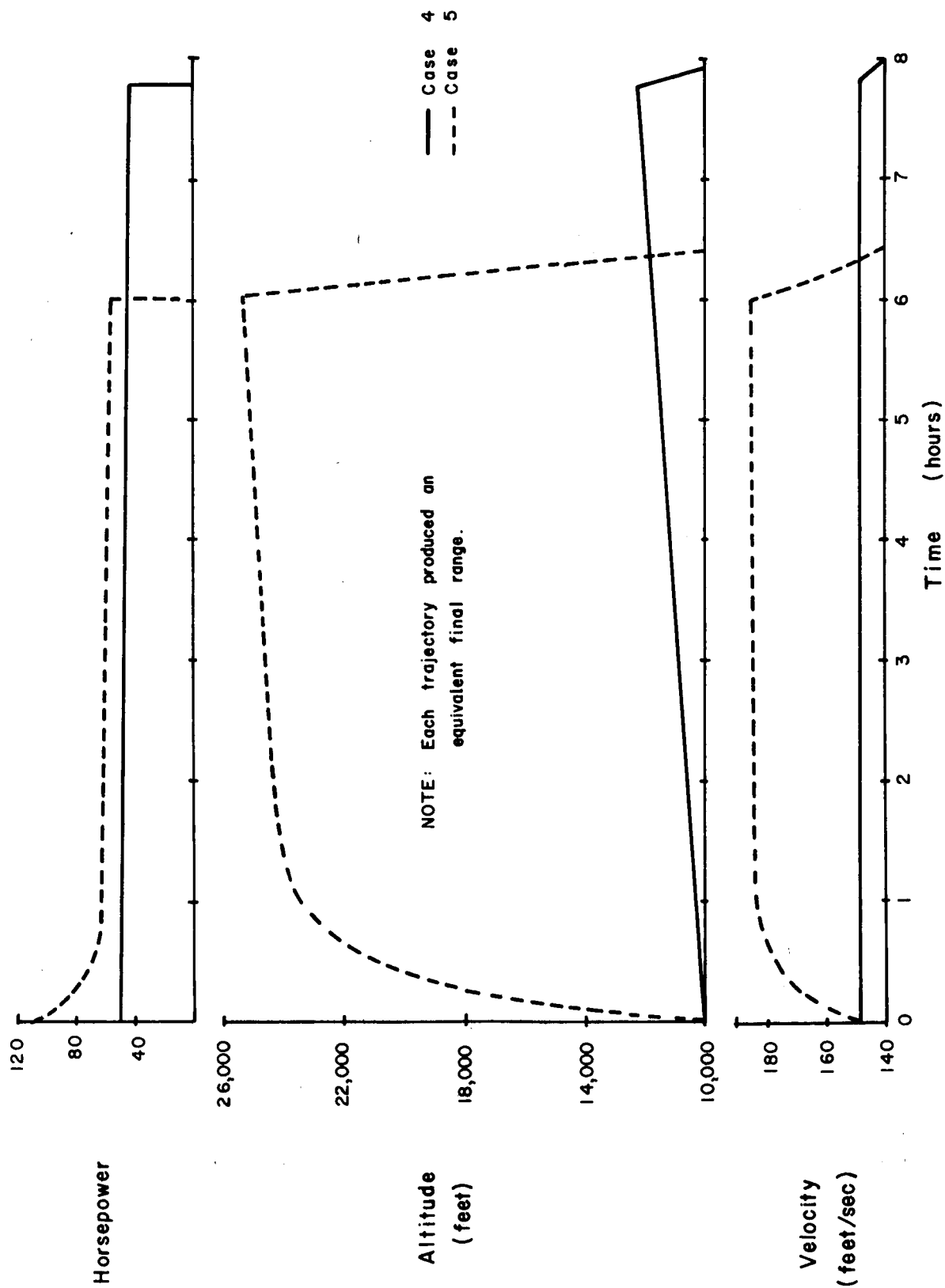


Figure 16. Time histories of several parameters resulting from analysis of maximum range.

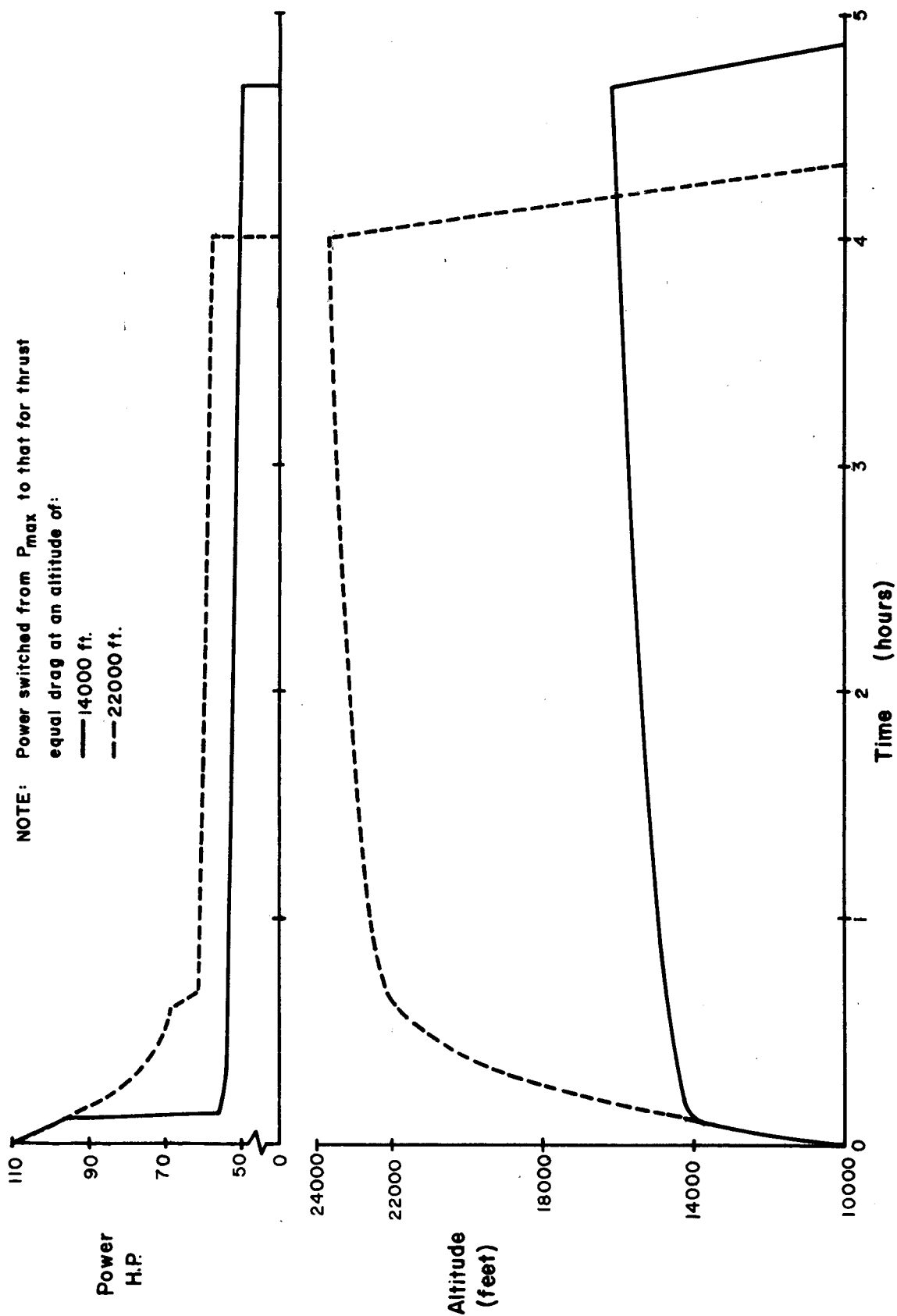


Figure 17. Time histories of power and altitude for trajectories using three different power settings.

is set as  $\alpha = \alpha(L/D)_{\max}^*$ . Thus the major objective for most pilots desiring maximum range should be flight at approximately the angle of attack for maximum lift to drag ratio. To obtain more realistic results than those in Table 5 (i.e. 795 miles on 222 pounds of fuel is quite an exaggeration) and to accurately approximate  $\alpha(L/D)_{\max}$ , improvement in the prediction of three-dimensional lift and drag characteristics is mandatory. More precise knowledge of the variation of fuel flow rate with power required, aircraft speed, and altitude, and engine speed and throttle setting is also necessary. Acceptable trends and desired objectives may be formulated using the classical lift and drag relations; however, realistic values from performance calculations will result only when high quality aerodynamic and engine test data or sophisticated prediction techniques are utilized to estimate the body forces and the fuel flow rate.

Since the objective of the preceding analysis was determination of parameter behavior throughout the flight, large time scales of several hours or more were employed. These large time divisions, however, often mask some interesting behavior which occurs simultaneously but can be observed only on a small time scale. An inset, describing the first two minutes of flight path angle variation with time for the trajectory of Case (5), is presented in Figure 18.

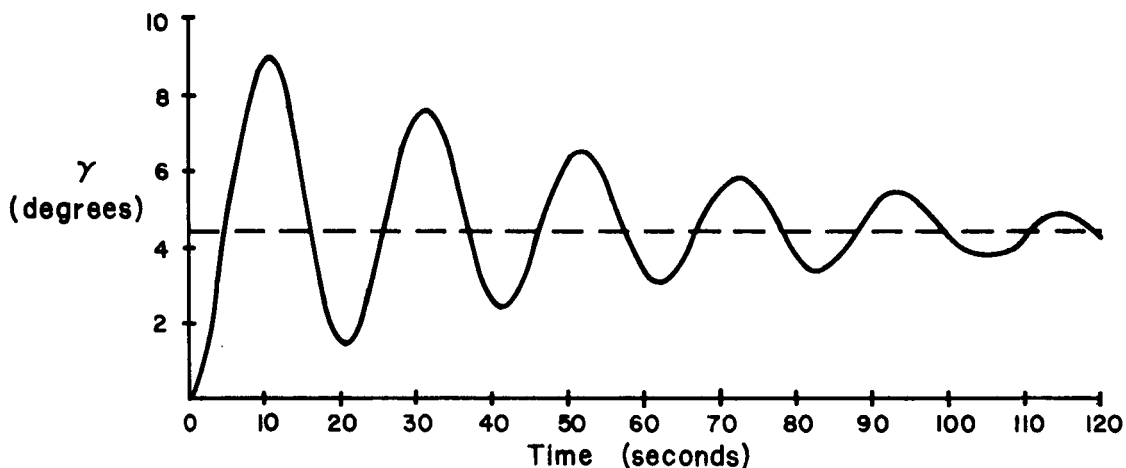


Figure 18. Sample phugoid trajectory.

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\* This result should not be too surprising. Consider for the moment the situation which would exist if the drag were zero. Then the energy required to traverse any trajectory between point A and point B would be the same, namely zero. Because of the existence of drag, energy can be dissipated in two ways: that required to overcome friction in steady flight and that associated with the increasing disorder (entropy) of accelerated motion. Now, if the drag is relatively small to begin with and the accelerations are also modest, then it is reasonable to expect that a great many different flight trajectories will have very similar energy requirements, that is, they will require the same amount of fuel plus or minus a pound or two. One would expect very different results for trajectories involving near sonic speeds with significant accelerations.

Since this behavior normally results whenever angle of attack (*i.e.* lift coefficient) is held constant, the oscillation observed in Figure 18 is commonly known as a phugoid trajectory. The period of oscillation, about 21 seconds, is typical of the phugoid motion for light aircraft. The oscillations are damped as the velocity increases and the vehicle climbs, due to the decrease in amount of excess power available. Observation of this trajectory on a larger time scale, reveals only an average  $\gamma$  which decreases from about 4.4 degrees to approximately zero late in the flight. Recovery of the aforementioned phugoid motions from the total trajectory symbolizes the very general nature of this solution and emphasizes the lack of most restrictive assumptions.

The application of a general solution technique to landing flight appears very informative. For analysis, the landing is subdivided into two portions, the approach and the flare, with velocity and flight path angle specified in each interval. A basic geometrical description of the glide path and flare is presented in Figure 19.

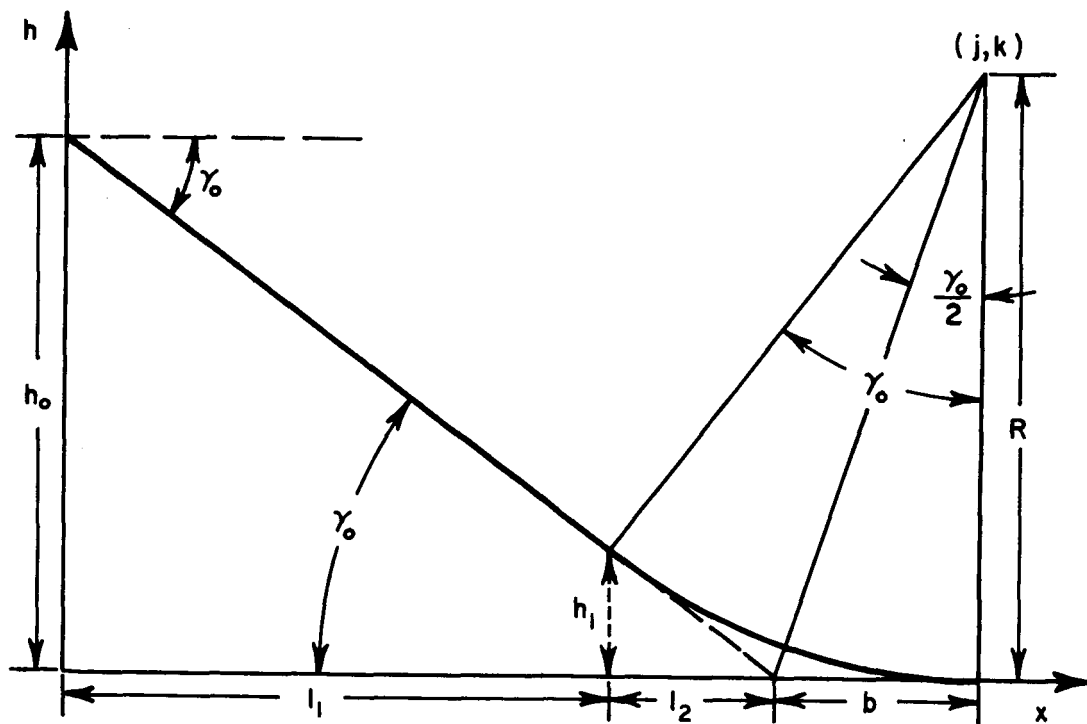


Figure 19. Geometrical description of landing analysis.

The overall concept is first to descend at constant velocity and flight path angle until reaching an altitude of  $h_1$  and then execute a flare with velocity

decreasing and  $\gamma$  becoming zero at touchdown. For illustration, the flight path angle is specified so as to produce a circular arc flare and velocity is linearly decreased from the approach speed to some touchdown velocity. Specification of  $\gamma$  in the flare region necessitates finding the equation of a circle of radius  $R$  with center at  $(j, k)$  passing through points  $(\ell_1, h_1)$  and  $(\ell_1 + \ell_2 + b, 0)$ . This equation is of the form:

$$(x - j)^2 + (h - k)^2 = R^2 \quad (52)$$

Since

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{dh}{dx} = - \frac{(x - j)}{(h - k)} \quad (53)$$

flight path angle for the flare regime is given by:

$$\gamma = - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x - j}{h - k} \right) \quad (54)$$

For calculation of  $j$  and  $k$ , values of  $h_0$  (altitude at beginning of approach),  $\gamma_0$  (constant glide path angle during approach), and either  $h_1$  (altitude of flare initiation) or  $b$  (distance from intersection of extended approach path with ground to the point of touchdown) must be given. Using these three parameters, values for  $j$  and  $k$  may be determined from the following formulae:

$$h_1 = b \sin \gamma_0 \quad (55)$$

$$R = b / \tan(\gamma_0/2) \quad (56)$$

$$\ell_1 = (h_0 - h_1) / \tan \gamma_0 \quad (57)$$

$$k = R \quad (58)$$

$$j = \ell_1 + \sqrt{h_1(2R - h_1)} \quad (59)$$

Thus velocity and flight path angle may be specified as follows:

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} -\gamma_0 & h_1 < h \leq h_0 \\ -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x - j}{h - k} \right) & 0 \leq h \leq h_1 \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

$$V = \begin{cases} V_0 & h_1 < h \leq h_0 \\ (V_0 - V_T) \left( \frac{h}{h_1} \right) + V_T & 0 \leq h \leq h_1 \end{cases} \quad (61)$$

where

$V_O$  = approach velocity  
 $V_T$  = touchdown velocity.

Also,

$$\dot{\gamma} = \begin{cases} 0.0 & h_1 < h \leq h_O \\ \frac{(h - k)}{(h - k)^2 + (x - j)^2} \left[ \frac{(x - j)}{(h - k)} \dot{h} - \dot{x} \right] & 0 \leq h \leq h_1 \end{cases} \quad (62)$$

$$\dot{V} = \begin{cases} 0.0 & h_1 < h \leq h_O \\ \left( \frac{V_O - V_T}{h_1} \right) \dot{h} & 0 \leq h \leq h_1 \end{cases} \quad (63)$$

Consider the following example for which:

$$h_O = 1500 \text{ feet}$$

$$\gamma_O = 2.5 \text{ degrees} = 0.04363 \text{ radians}$$

$$b = 400 \text{ feet}$$

$$V_O = 140 \text{ feet/sec}$$

$$V_T = 90 \text{ feet/sec}$$

(64)

Substituting these in Equations (55) - (59) yields:

$$h_1 = 17.45 \text{ feet}$$

$$k_1 = 33,958.57 \text{ feet}$$

$$k = 18,333.1 \text{ feet}$$

$$j = 34,758.19 \text{ feet}$$

(65)

Evaluating Equation (62) indicates  $\dot{\gamma}$  is small enough to be assumed zero everywhere. The resulting time histories for this example are presented in Figure 20. At touchdown the rate of descent is less than 0.2 feet/second and the flight path angle is approximately zero. For a more complete landing analysis, the investigator might consider the effect of various approach and touchdown velocities; the effect of several other glide descent

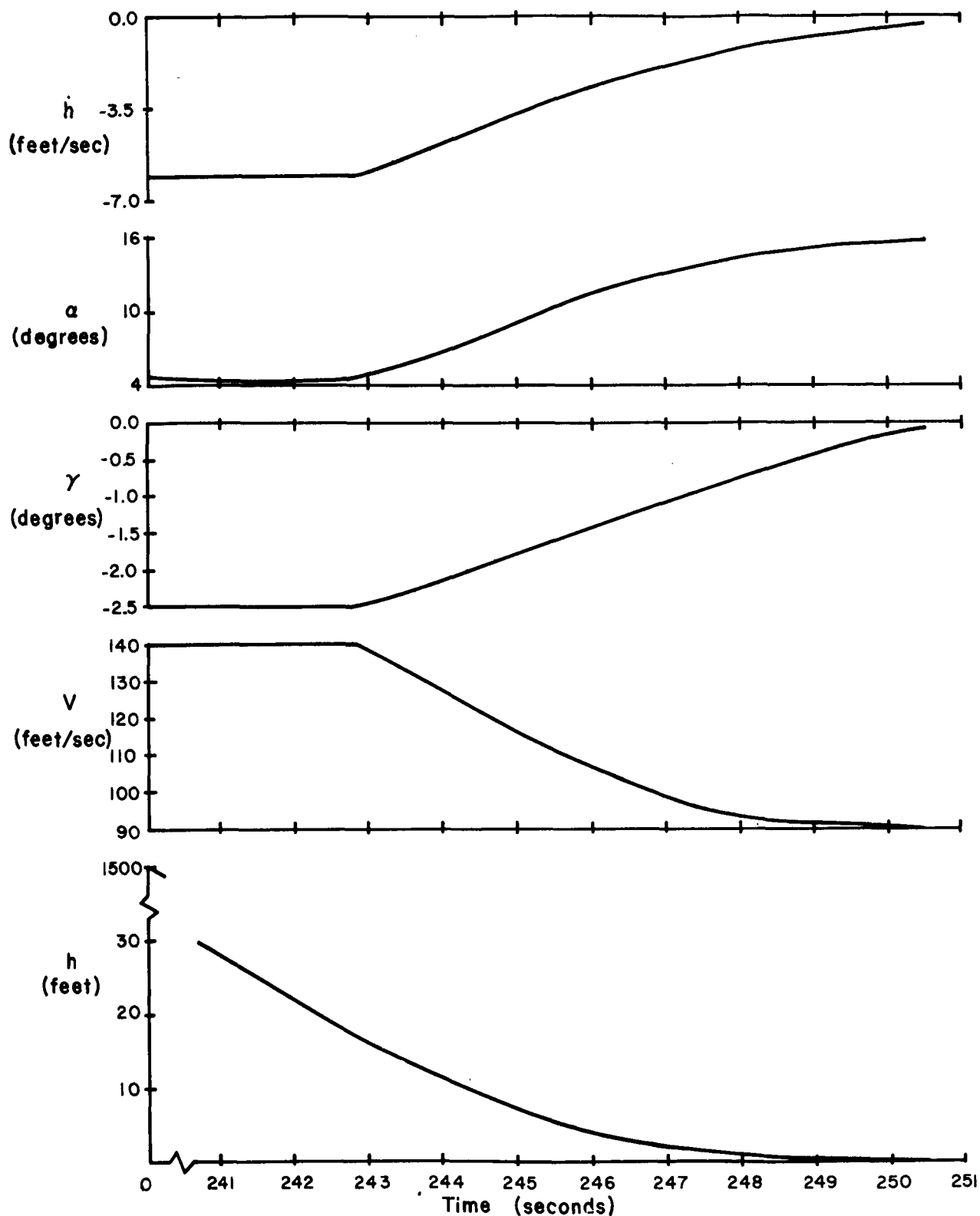


Figure 20. Time histories of several parameters governing an example landing.



angles and possibly, how the vehicle responds for flare at different altitudes. These possibilities indicate the flexibility with which this solution technique may be employed to conduct a landing analysis or a study of other performance criteria involving maneuvers.

Since static predictions are only special cases of the general integrated solutions, it is interesting to compare the results obtained by the two methods. By specifying variables in a manner similar to the assumptions made for derivation of the static equations, the computational accuracy and the effects of weight changes can be assessed.

First, the maximum vehicle speed at any altitude is calculated by simply specifying the altitude as a constant and power as the maximum available. The integration is terminated once the velocity has settled to a near constant value. Results are presented in Figure 21 for various altitudes.

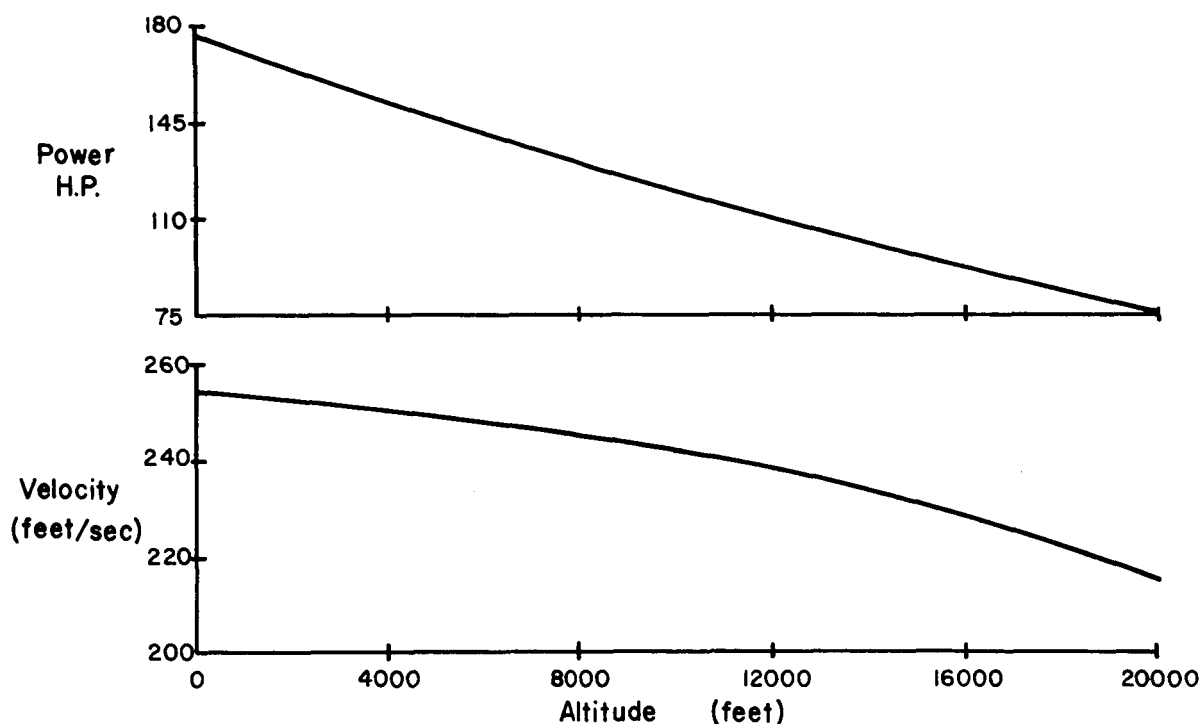


Figure 21. Determination of maximum velocity as a function of altitude.

At sea level,  $V_{\max}$  was found to be 254 feet per second which agrees well with the static approximations in Table 1. This same result could have also been obtained by specifying power as  $P_{\max}$  and using a family of curves for different constant velocities. The maximum velocity would be the entry for which the altitude remained constant ( $\dot{h} = 0$ ). For a velocity greater than  $V_{\max}$

(level flight) the vehicle would dive and a velocity less than  $V_{\max}$  would induce a climb.

Next, minimum power and the velocity for  $P_{\min}$  were determined at a particular altitude. The specified variables were: (1)  $h$  equal a constant and (2)  $V$  as a constant incremented throughout a plausible range. Each constant velocity solution produces only one value for  $P_{\min}$  in Figure 22.

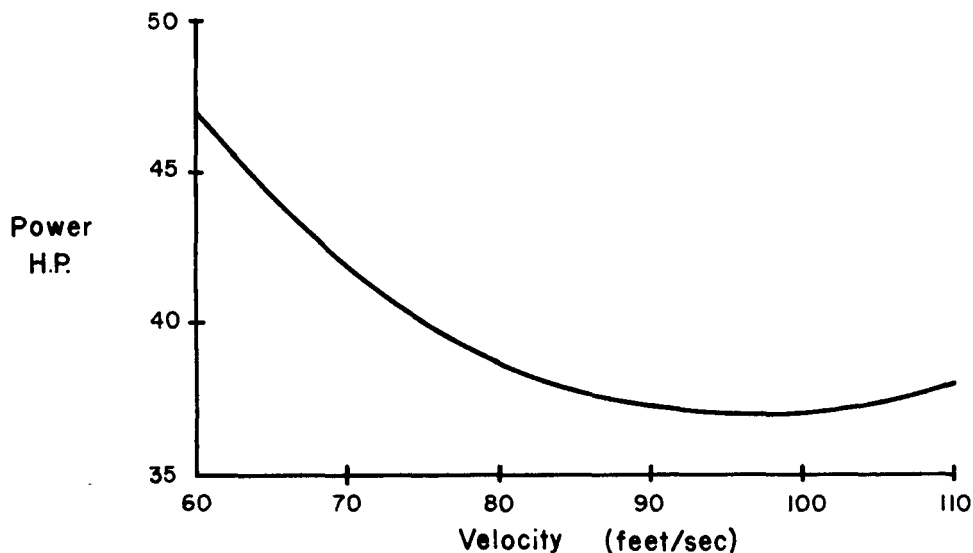


Figure 22. Determination of  $P_{\min}$  and speed for  $P_{\min}$ .

The results are for sea level altitude, but the process is easily repeated at other altitudes. As Figure 22 indicates, the minimum power was about 37.0 hp (20,350 ft-lbs/sec) with a corresponding velocity of 97.0 feet per second. These results compare favorably with those of Table 1.

The maximum climb angle ( $\gamma_{\max}$ ) and the velocity for  $\gamma_{\max}$  were also calculated. Power was specified as the maximum available and velocity was made constant for each of several trajectories. The maximum climb angle corresponding to a particular flight path and its specified velocity is then plotted on Figure 23. The overall  $\gamma_{\max}$  is then selected to be the largest of those in Figure 23. Its associated velocity is then termed as the velocity for maximum climb angle. Even though the maximum flight path angle (13.15 degrees) occurs at 82 feet per second, any velocity from 65 to 110 feet per second will produce a  $\gamma_{\max}$  within one degree of the absolute maximum. Thus, the maximum climb angle is somewhat insensitive to velocity changes over a rather wide speed range. Even though, this is considered to be the maximum climb angle, larger flight path angles may be obtained for short periods of time from an oscillatory climb similar to the phugoid motion described by Figure 18. However, an average over these oscillations

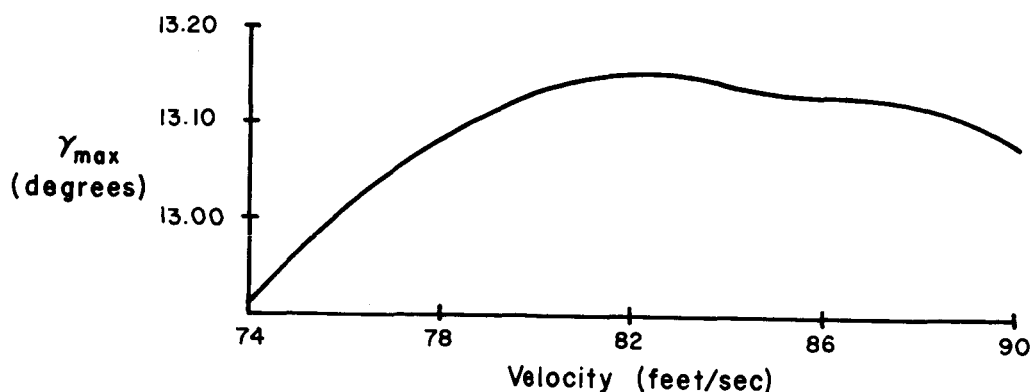


Figure 23. Determination of  $\gamma_{max}$  and speed for  $\gamma_{max}$ .

always yields, at most, a mean climb angle with magnitude equal to the  $\gamma_{max}$  from Figure 23. Point performance estimates are similar as indicated in Table 1.

To determine the minimum velocity at an altitude, power was specified as the maximum available and velocity was again set equal a different constant for each of several paths. The initial altitude is designated as the height of interest and the equations are integrated for several minutes to determine whether the vehicle ascends ( $\dot{h}$  positive) or descends ( $\dot{h}$  negative). The velocity for zero rate of climb is then the minimum velocity for the altitude of interest. Figure 24 presents calculation of  $V_{min}$  at sea level. This value of  $V_{min}$  agrees well with that of Table 1 obtained from point performance using a parabolic drag polar. Table 2 illustrates a more realistic minimum speed corresponding to an improved drag polar.

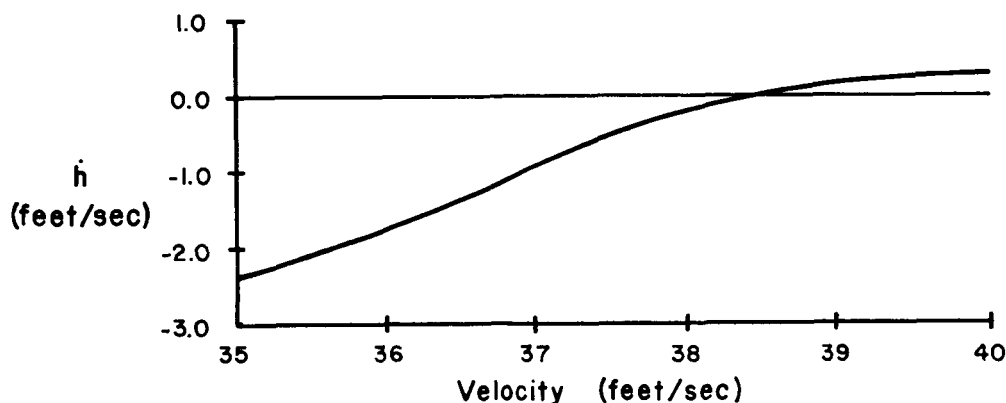


Figure 24. Calculation of minimum velocity for level flight.

Finally, calculations were made of absolute and service ceilings. Power was specified as the maximum available. A family of 90 minute trajectories was calculated with each entry corresponding to a different specified constant angle of attack. This is not meant to imply that the primary objective was to obtain absolute and service ceilings as a function of angle of attack. Instead,  $\alpha$  was merely a convenient parameter for creating a family of curves from which to choose the maximums. Two altitude points from each trajectory were recorded in Figure 25. The first was the altitude at which  $\dot{h} = 1.67$  ft/sec and the second was the final height after integrating over 90 minutes of real time. The peak in the lower curve of Figure 25 is termed the service ceiling and the maximum of the upper curve is called the absolute ceiling. Since in actuality the vehicle will continue to climb slowly as fuel is consumed, absolute and service ceiling are associated with a particular weight. The trajectories represented by Figure 25 used approximately 42 pounds of fuel in the 90 minute trajectory. The increase of 100 to 150 feet in these values of absolute and service ceiling as compared to those of Table 1 is a consequence of the weight reduction. The velocities corresponding to the peak points of Figure 25 are 153.6 ft/sec for the service ceiling and 158.0 ft/sec at absolute ceiling. These were likewise increased due to the weight reduction.

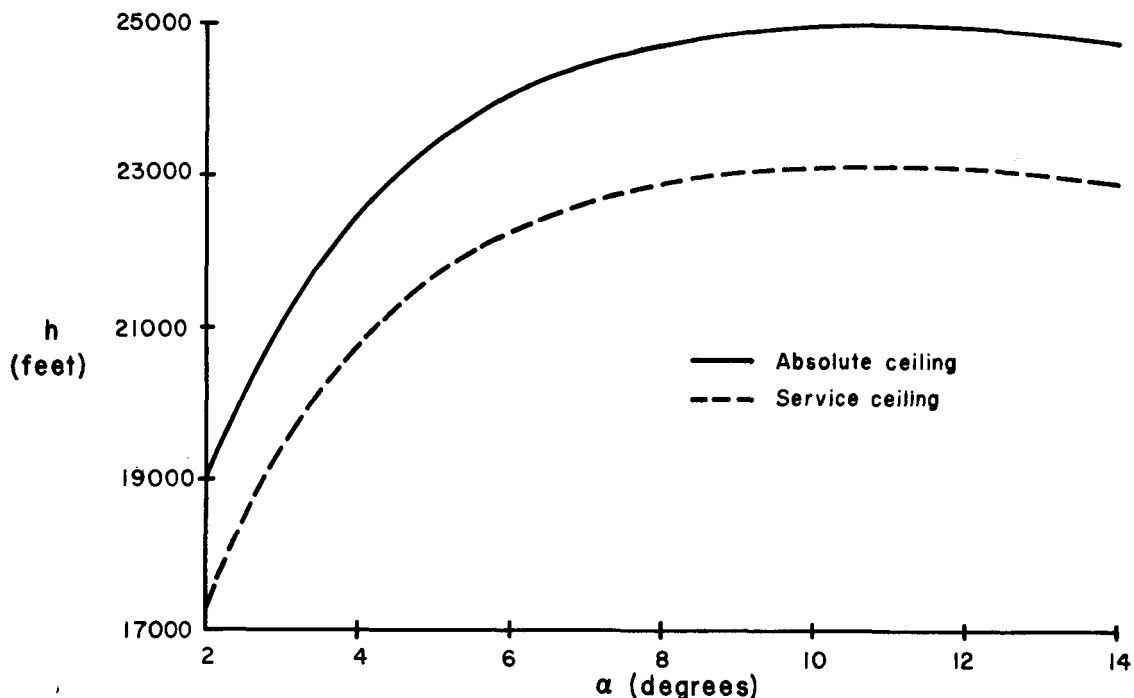


Figure 25. Determination of absolute and service ceilings.

The preceding discussion of calculation procedures for recovery of several static performance parameters indicates that velocity for  $\gamma_{\max}$  is not critical and discrepancies in other parameters are related to weight variations.

The foregoing examples have demonstrated that if desired the path performance method can be used to recover the usual static performance parameters. In addition, this method can be used to determine the performance of the aircraft during accelerating flight or in response to a complex schedule of pilot control inputs.

In passing, some comments may be made regarding range performance at "practical speeds", *i.e.*, those obtained at high percents of rated horsepower. Table 5 shows that when  $\alpha < \alpha_{L/D_{max}}$  the range is reduced. In the example given  $\alpha = 3^\circ$  rather than  $5.85^\circ$ ,  $\alpha$  for  $(L/D)_{max}$ . In this case, the range is about 5% less. This calculation assumes that the specific fuel consumption is the same at all power settings and engine speeds. As noted in Appendix H the specific fuel consumption may be as much as 1.4 times as high at rated power as at the power required for maximum range. Thus, not only does the aircraft operate more inefficiently but so does the engine. By dropping back to about 75% power the engine can be made to operate very near maximum efficiency so that under these conditions one must contend only with aerodynamic inefficiencies. A calculation not discussed above was performed for  $P = P_{max}$ ,  $h = 10,000$  ft. at the same specific fuel consumption as used in the construction of Table 5. The range was only 63% of that achieved by flying at  $\alpha = \alpha_{L/D_{max}}$  so that at 75% power one would expect at least a 25% decrease in maximum range. At maximum power one could reasonably expect a 55% decrease in maximum range.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

The estimation of many light aircraft performance characteristics has, as a result of the computer programs provided herewith, been reduced to a quick, inexpensive procedure. The programs require that the user supply estimates or experimental measurements of the lift and drag variations with angle of attack and the variation of power into the airstream as a function of speed and altitude. The drag data need not be parabolic. Any accurate set of experimental points can be fit precisely by the program and utilized in the estimation. Similarly, the program can also fit and utilize arbitrary power data. As presently written the program assumes linear variations of  $C_L$  with angle of attack and fuel flow with power, but these restrictions are not inherent in the method. A knowledgeable user can modify the programs without undue difficulty so that they will accept any type of variation he might wish to employ. The authors would be pleased to provide suggestions on how this might be accomplished to interested users.

The path performance programs provided with this work offer the user an opportunity to study many facets of the flight of light aircraft in addition to the equilibrium performance parameters. While the programs do not provide a rigorous method of finding the optimum path performance, they are sufficiently inexpensive to use that they can usually be employed by one with some understanding of the physical situation to arrive at paths indistinguishable from the optimal through a trial and error process. It is felt that substantial flight time could be saved in evaluating new designs by using analytical solutions to indicate the paths of greatest interest.

Ultimately, one would like to be able to specify just the vehicle geometry and its powerplant and have a program which will take this information and compute the vehicle's performance. By repeating the process with some discretion it will be possible to determine a configuration for optimum performance subject to the usual constraints of costs, fabrication techniques, passenger size, etc. Development of the necessary methods and programs for carrying out this procedure is planned for the near future. The programs presented in Reference 2 can then be used to compute the stability and riding qualities of the optimum performance configuration. If necessary, the configuration can be altered and the process repeated until the desired characteristics are achieved.

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## **APPENDICES**

## APPENDIX A - Nomenclature

AR	aspect ratio
$a, \bar{a}$	acceleration
BHP	engine brake horsepower
$C_{1j}, C_{2j}, C_{3j}, C_{4j}$	coefficients for Spline curve-fit procedure
$C_D$	drag coefficient
$C_{Di}$	induced drag coefficient
$C_{Do}$	zero-lift drag coefficient
$C_L$	lift coefficient
$C'_L$	lift coefficient after landing flare
$C_{L(L/D)_{max}}$	lift coefficient for maximum lift to drag ratio
$C_{L(\alpha=0)}$	lift coefficient for zero angle of attack
$c$	specific fuel consumption
$D$	drag or propeller diameter
$e$	Oswald's efficiency factor
$F$	force or take-off weight correction factor
$g$	acceleration due to gravity (32.2 ft/sec <sup>2</sup> )
$h$	altitude
$\dot{h}$	aircraft rate of climb
$K_t$	take-off time coefficient
$K_s$	take-off ground run coefficient
$K_{To}$	static thrust coefficient
$k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$	coefficients of a general drag polar
$L$	lift
$L'$	lift after the landing flare

M	mass
N	load factor ( $C_L'/C_L$ ) or engine speed in revolutions per minute
n	engine speed in revolutions per second or load factor ( $C_L'/C_L$ )
P	power actually put into the airstream, sometimes called thrust horsepower, <i>i.e.</i> , thrust $\times$ velocity
R	radius of circular arc traversed in descending from an altitude of 50 feet to touchdown
RPM	engine speed in revolutions per minute
S	wing area or distance
T	thrust or minimum time to climb
t	time
thp <sub>m</sub>	maximum thrust horsepower
V	velocity
W	weight
x	horizontal distance traveled
$\alpha$	angle of attack
$\alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}}$	angle of attack for maximum lift to drag ratio
$\beta$	sideslip angle
$\Delta t$	increment in time
$\gamma$	flight path angle in the vertical-horizontal plane (see Figure B-1)
$\eta$	propeller efficiency
$\mu$	coefficient of friction
$\pi$	3.14159
$\rho$	density of air
$\rho_0$	density of air at sea level
$\sigma$	$\rho/\rho_0$ , ratio of density of air at an altitude to the density at sea level

$\phi$	flight path angle in the vertical-co-normal plane (see Figure B-1)
$\psi$	flight path angle in the horizontal-co-normal plane (see Figure B-1)

Subscripts:

A	approach
B	braking
G	ground run
LOF	lift-off
max	maximum
min	minimum
N	normal to flight path
s	take-off
TD	touchdown
w	wind
zL	zero lift
50	an altitude of 50 feet
o	take-off

A dot over a quantity denotes the time derivative of that quantity.

## APPENDIX B - Derivation of General Performance Equations

Those undertaking the estimation of aircraft performance characteristics for the first time will usually find it instructive to review the theoretical basis of the methodology. If one considers that the word performance connotes such things as "how fast will it go?", "how long will it take to get to 10,000 feet", etc., he realizes that he is asking questions about the motion of the aircraft under certain constraints. The classical means of describing the motion of a rigid body in space is through solutions of the equations of motion, mathematical statements of Newton's Second Law of Motion. It is not surprising that the same equations are also used to study the stability of the motions, the problem usually termed the dynamics of the airplane. The study of aircraft performance, then, can be considered as one view of the general problem of aircraft motions while the study of stability and control simply views the same problem in another light. The difference in the two views, as will become clear from the development below, is primarily one of time scale. Stability and control analysis is concerned with transient disturbances from an equilibrium motion. The disturbances of interest usually have periods of less than 30 seconds. Performance analysis on the other hand, is concerned primarily with quasi-equilibrium flight. Further, the period of interest generally exceeds 30 seconds. Thus, the following development proceeds in roughly the same fashion as the development of the stability equations. The points of departure and difference are noted.

To begin, make three assumptions:

- Assumption I. The earth and its atmosphere are flat and non-rotating. There is no motion of the atmosphere with respect to the earth. Accelerations measured with respect to a Cartesian coordinate system fixed in the earth's atmosphere are therefore true accelerations in inertial space.
- Assumption II. The motion of interest is that of the aircraft's center of gravity only. Other motions, for example rotation about the center of gravity, are of interest only insofar as they affect the translational motion of the center of gravity.
- Assumption III. While the mass of the aircraft does not remain constant with time the change in momentum associated with the fuel mass ejected with the engine exhaust may be neglected in computing the motion of the aircraft.

As a consequence of these assumptions one may describe the aircraft as a point mass and its motion by three equations:

$$\Sigma F_x = Ma_x$$

$$\Sigma F_y = Ma_y \quad (B-1)$$

$$\Sigma F_z = Ma_z$$

This is in contrast to stability analysis where the motions of the aircraft about its center of gravity are of great interest and require the inclusion of the body's three rotational degrees of freedom. On the other hand, the time frame treated by stability analysis is sufficiently short that the mass can be considered to be constant.

We take as our coordinate system an x-axis parallel with the earth and pointed in the direction of motion at the beginning of the time of interest; a y-axis pointed to the right of the direction of motion; and a z-axis pointed straight down. In contrast with stability analysis where the axis system rotates with the airframe this axis system, once chosen, remains fixed with time. In this system the aircraft velocity has three components:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= V \cos \gamma \cos \psi \\ \dot{y} &= V \sin \psi \cos \gamma \\ \dot{h} &= -V \sin \gamma \end{aligned} \quad (B-2)$$

$\gamma$  and  $\psi$  are flight path angles as defined in Figure B-1.

Substitution of Equations (B-2) into (B-1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma F_x &= M (\dot{V} \cos \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\psi} \cos \gamma \sin \psi) \\ \Sigma F_y &= M (\dot{V} \sin \psi \cos \gamma + V \dot{\psi} \cos \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma \sin \psi) \\ \Sigma F_z &= M (-\dot{V} \sin \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \cos \gamma) \end{aligned} \quad (B-3)$$

Assumption IV. The forces acting on the aircraft are lift, drag, thrust, and weight. The lift acts normal to the flight path, the thrust\* and drag are

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\* Assuming the thrust to act along the flight path is equivalent to assuming that the angle of attack is always small. It may therefore seem strange that the analysis employs expressions which provide accurate representations of the lift and drag to large angles of attack. This practice is justified because (1) light aircraft generally have insufficient power to operate continuously at very high angles of attack, (2) light aircraft are usually powered by piston engines and unshrouded propellers which makes it difficult to assert that the thrust always acts parallel to the wing chord, particularly at large angles of attack and (3) it is a simple matter to substitute expressions such as  $T' \cos \alpha$  for  $T$  and  $L' + T' \sin \alpha$  for  $L$  in the equations without materially affecting the method of solution or the computation time. The effect of power at angle of attack is treated in considerable detail in section 5.0 of Reference 13.

parallel to the flight path, and the weight acts along the positive z-axis. There is never a side force. This implies that the aircraft is symmetrical and is never yawed with respect to the flight path ( $\beta$  is always zero).

With this assumption, the left hand side of Equations (B-3) can be written

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_x &= (T - D) \cos \gamma \cos \psi - L (\sin \gamma \cos \phi \cos \psi + \sin \psi \sin \phi) \\ \Sigma F_y &= (T - D) \sin \psi \cos \gamma - L (\sin \psi \sin \gamma \cos \phi - \sin \phi \cos \psi) \\ \Sigma F_z &= (T - D) \sin \gamma - L \cos \phi \cos \gamma + \frac{W}{g} .\end{aligned}\quad (B-4)$$

$\phi$  is a flight path angle also defined in Figure B-1.

Combining (B-3) and (B-4), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}(T - D) \cos \gamma \cos \psi - L (\sin \gamma \cos \phi \cos \psi + \sin \psi \sin \phi) &= \\ M (\dot{V} \cos \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\psi} \cos \gamma \sin \psi) & \\ (T - D) \sin \psi \cos \gamma - L (\sin \psi \sin \gamma \cos \phi - \sin \phi \cos \psi) &= \\ M (\dot{V} \sin \psi \cos \gamma + V \dot{\psi} \cos \gamma \cos \psi - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma \sin \psi) & \\ - (T - D) \sin \gamma - L \cos \phi \cos \gamma + W &= \\ M (-\dot{V} \sin \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \cos \gamma) . &\end{aligned}\quad (B-5)$$

These equations provide the most general description of the motion of an aircraft acted upon by  $L$ ,  $D$ ,  $T$ , and  $W$ . Although the aircraft is thought of as a point mass, the magnitudes of the lift and drag forces are considered to depend upon  $\alpha$ , the inclination of the aircraft to the flight path.

Assumption V. Motions of interest lie entirely within the x-z plane.  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are therefore zero.

This of course ignores possible interest in turning flight; however, as a consequence of Assumption V, Equations (B-5) simplify easily to

$$\begin{aligned}(T - D) \cos \gamma - L \sin \gamma &= M (\dot{V} \cos \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma) \\ - (T - D) \sin \gamma - L \cos \gamma + W &= \frac{W}{g} (-\dot{V} \sin \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \cos \gamma) .\end{aligned}\quad (B-6)$$



Multiplying the first equation of (B-6) by  $\cos \gamma$  and the second by  $-\sin \gamma$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}(T - D) \cos^2 \gamma - L \sin \gamma \cos \gamma &= \frac{W}{g} (\dot{V} \cos^2 \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma \cos \gamma) \\ (T - D) \sin^2 \gamma + L \sin \gamma \cos \gamma - W \sin \gamma &= \frac{W}{g} (\dot{V} \sin^2 \gamma + V \dot{\gamma} \cos \gamma \sin \gamma) .\end{aligned}\quad (B-7)$$

Adding the two equations one obtains

$$(T - D) - W \sin \gamma = \frac{W}{g} \dot{V} . \quad (B-8)$$

Multiplying the first equation of (B-6) by  $\sin \gamma$  and the second by  $\cos \gamma$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}(T - D) \cos \gamma \sin \gamma - L \sin^2 \gamma &= \frac{W}{g} (\dot{V} \cos \gamma \sin \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \sin^2 \gamma) \\ - (T - D) \sin \gamma \cos \gamma - L \cos^2 \gamma + W \cos \gamma &= \frac{W}{g} (-\dot{V} \sin \gamma \cos \gamma - V \dot{\gamma} \cos^2 \gamma)\end{aligned}\quad (B-9)$$

Adding these two equations, one obtains

$$\frac{W}{g} V \dot{\gamma} = L - W \cos \gamma . \quad (B-10)$$

Equation (B-8) and (B-10) are just simpler equivalents of (B-6). By writing the lift and drag forces in the equations in terms of the usual aerodynamic quantities and the thrust in terms of the power which is more appropriate for piston engine aircraft, (B-8) and (B-10) become finally

$$\dot{V} = \frac{gP}{WV} - \frac{g}{W} C_D(\alpha) \cdot \rho(h) \cdot \frac{SV^2}{2} - g \sin \gamma \quad (B-11)$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{W} C_L(\alpha) \cdot \rho(h) \cdot \frac{SV}{2} - \frac{g}{V} \cos \gamma . \quad (B-12)$$

The reader will now observe that we have chosen to describe quasi-steady aircraft motions by two first-order, non-linear, ordinary differential equations. The dependent variables in these equations are  $P$ ,  $V$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $W$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $h$ , while the independent variable is time. Thus to obtain a determinant system, one must supply four additional, independent relationships involving the dependent variables. One such relationship follows immediately from a definition of the rate of climb:

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma . \quad (B-13)$$

Assumption VI. The fuel flow rate is directly proportional to the power developed by the engine. While not strictly true, most engines have a region around cruise power where the specific fuel consumption is nearly constant. The propeller efficiency under these conditions is also nearly constant.

As a result of this assumption one may write a second auxiliary relationship:

$$\dot{W} = -cP \quad (B-14)$$

If necessary,  $c$  can be generalized. For turbojet aircraft the fuel flow is approximately proportional to thrust output.

Unfortunately, no other general relationships among the dependent variables are known. It is therefore necessary to specify *a priori* time histories of two of the dependent variables in order to obtain unique solutions to the system of equations. This situation is familiar to pilots who realize that the aircraft's trajectory is dependent upon the variation of elevator position (speed) and power setting with time. The pilot also recognizes that changing the weight and operating altitude also changes the power setting and elevator angle one must employ to fly a given path or, conversely, for a given power setting and elevator angle, it changes the path one flies. With six variables there are 15 different combinations one may use to provide the two additional constraints needed. In view of Equation (B-14), however, power and weight cannot be specified independently. This leaves a total of 14.

Equations (B-11) and (B-12) contain in addition three implicit functions which must be provided if numerical values are to be obtained. The function  $\rho(h)$  is of course the variation of density with geometric altitude. This is taken as

$$\rho(h) = \rho_0(1.0 - 6.86 \cdot 10^{-6}h)^{4.26} \quad (B-15)$$

The functions  $C_L(\alpha)$  and  $C_D(\alpha)$  depend for their values upon the aircraft whose trajectories are desired. Although a third order or higher polynomial would be required to represent  $C_L(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$  from  $-C_{Lmax}$  to  $+C_{Lmax}$ , it is usually adequate to employ

$$C_L(\alpha) = C_{L\alpha}(\alpha - \alpha_{zL}) \quad (B-16)$$

for all speeds above  $1.2 V_{STALLFLAPS UP}$ . Since the system of equations must be solved by a forward integration technique in any event, it does not add significantly to the overall computational complexity to choose a higher order function to represent  $C_L(\alpha)$  if this should appear desirable. Similar comments can be made with respect to  $C_D(\alpha)$ . It is usually represented by

$$C_D(\alpha) = C_{D0} + k [C_L(\alpha)]^2 \quad (B-17)$$

although more elaborate descriptions may be used. The addition of a term  $k_1[C_L(\alpha)]^{k_2}$  will permit one to represent the drag coefficient at high angles of attack approaching stall quite accurately.

One final practical constraint must also be observed: the power required during any portion of the flight cannot exceed the maximum power available for that speed and altitude. Thus if one of the specified variables is not power one must always test the computed power required to insure that

$$P \leq P_{\max}(h, V) . \quad (B-18)$$

Equations (B-11) through (B-18), collected below for convenience,

$$\dot{V} = \frac{gP}{WV} - \frac{g}{W} \frac{SV^2}{2} C_D(\alpha) \cdot \rho(h) - g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{W} C_L(\alpha) \cdot \rho(h) \cdot \frac{SV}{2} - \frac{g}{V} \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{W} = -cP$$

(B-19)

$$\rho(h) = \rho_0 (1.0 - 6.86 \cdot 10^{-6} h)^{4.26}$$

$$C_L(\alpha) = C_{L_\alpha}(\alpha) + C_{L_{\alpha=0}}$$

$$C_D(\alpha) = C_{D_0} + k [C_L(\alpha)] + k_1 [C_L(\alpha)]^{k_2}$$

$$P \leq P_{\max}(h, V)$$

plus the initial conditions of all six dependent variables provide a complete description of the motion of the aircraft c.g. in response to a set of forcing functions. The forcing functions will take the form of time histories of any two dependent variables, for example  $V$  and  $h$  or  $P$  and  $\alpha$ . These may be chosen arbitrarily, but if one wishes to obtain solutions which represent the optimum performance it is necessary that he optimize the form of the two variables most appropriate to the parameter being determined. Unfortunately, it is not possible to prove that the two time histories chosen do in fact optimize the particular performance parameter. Only by comparing the solutions of (B-19) obtained by applying various physically meaningful and realizable time histories of the two most appropriate variables can a practical optimum be demonstrated. This solution procedure is discussed in detail in the path performance section.

It may be remarked in passing that while the procedure outlined above for determining how to fly the aircraft to obtain the best possible value of each performance parameter of interest is the most rigorous known, it is practical only with the use of a large, high-speed digital computer. It is for this reason that the so-called static or point performance parameters came into general use in the years before the availability of electronic computers. These procedures, developed from Equations (B-19) assuming that the dependent variables do not change with time, are discussed in detail in the static performance section. Note, however, that whereas the first two equations of (B-19) are differential equations, the static performance equations are all algebraic and therefore much easier to solve. Even so, evaluation of some of the static performance parameters involves solution of a quartic equation or even simultaneous solution of a pair of quartic equations. Traditionally, such problems have been solved graphically. In the present work the problems are solved numerically through the use of digital computer programs.

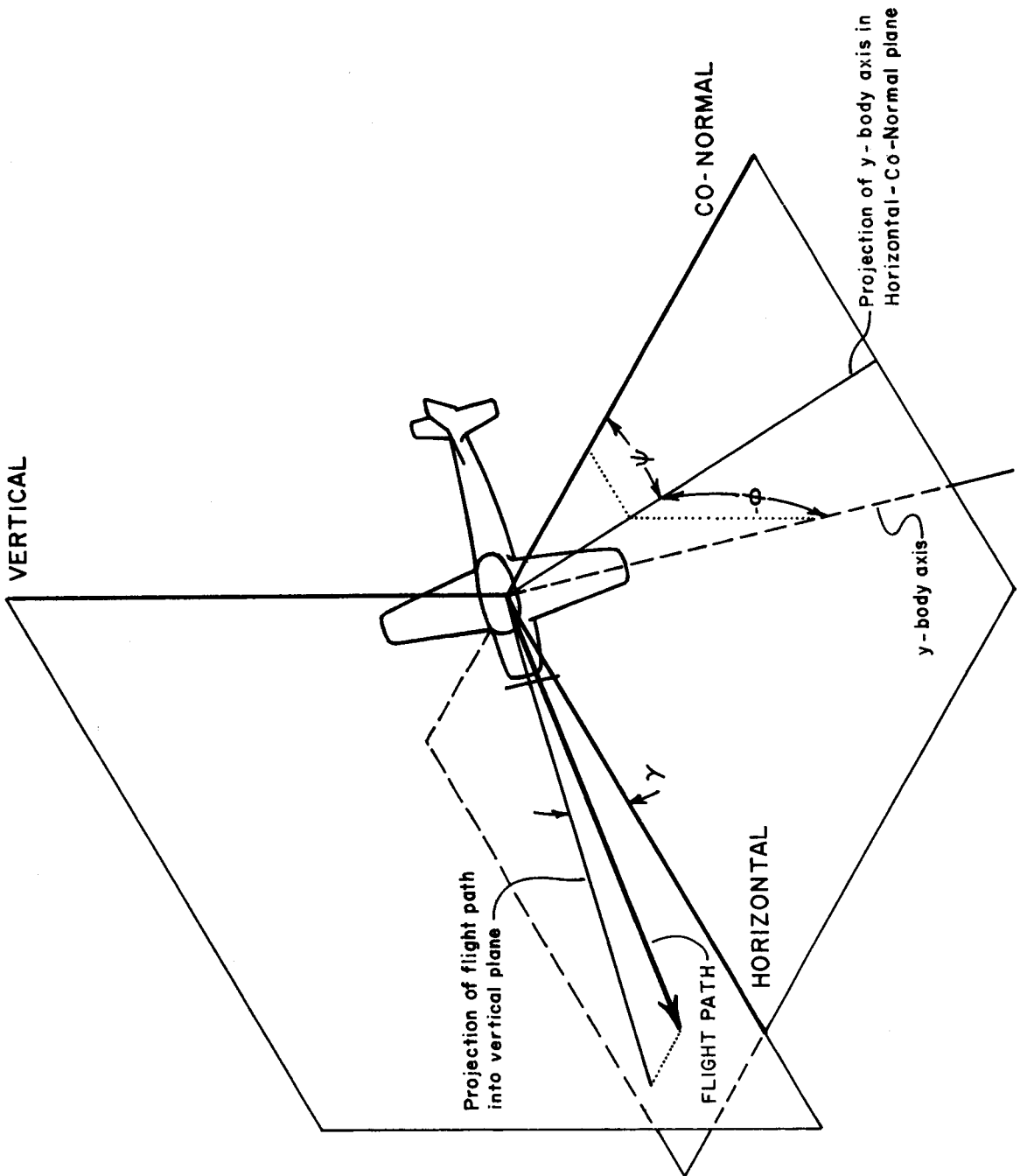


Figure B-1. Definition of flight path angles.

## APPENDIX C - Point Performance Program

### User Instructions

The program is written in FORTRAN IV and is designed to run in double precision on an IBM 370-165 computer with an average execution time of 1.5 seconds. This program evaluates static performance of a particular aircraft and requires the specification of the following input data:

- (1) The number N of power available versus velocity data points to be specified; the control parameter ISUP which designates whether the engine is supercharged (ISUP = 1) or unsupercharged (ISUP = 0); and the reference altitude HREF (feet) which is the altitude at which the power versus velocity data points are obtained (for a supercharged aircraft HREF must be sea level in this program);
- (2) The N data points of maximum power available PA (foot pounds per second) versus velocity V (feet per second) with one data point per card, power specified first;
- (3) The four coefficients CDO, CDI1, CDI2, and D of the general drag polar which has the form  $CD = CDO + CDI1*CL^2 + CDI2*CL^D$ , and the wing area S upon which the lift and drag coefficients are based;
- (4) The aircraft weight W (pounds), the initial altitude HI (feet) at which all performance calculations are made and a final altitude HF (feet). If a minimum time to climb schedule and a most economical climb schedule from HI to HF, in increments of 100 feet, are desired then HF must be greater than HI. If no schedule is desired HF must be zero.

Statements (1) through (4) represent a complete set of data for a particular aircraft. Table C-1 gives the format specification for this data.

Upon completion of the performance calculations with a given set of data the program returns to the statement where W, HI, and HF are read. In addition to specifying the aircraft weight, the variable W is used as a data input control parameter which permits the user to analyze the same aircraft for several different values of W, HI, and HF and/or analyze a completely different aircraft. The use of W as a control parameter offers the following options:

- (1) If W is positive when the new values of W, HI, and HF are read the program yields a new set of performance calculations using the original drag polar and power versus velocity curve. For a given power curve and drag polar the user may exercise this option as many times as desired.
- (2) If W is zero the program returns to the first read statement to obtain a complete set of data for a new aircraft. Using this

(3) If  $W$  is negative the program terminates. Thus, the final data card for any computer run must have a negative value for  $W$ .

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Table C-2. Example data set for point performance program.

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*      STATIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM
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GIVEN VALUES OF THE AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS, THE POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY CURVE AT SOME REFERENCE ALTITUDE, AN INITIAL ALTITUDE HI, AND A FINAL ALTITUDE HF, THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE FOLLOWING:

1) MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEEDS AT ALTITUDE HI
2) SPEED FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE AND MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE AT ALTITUDE HI
3) SPEED FOR MINIMUM POWER (MAXIMUM ENDURANCE) AND MINIMUM POWER AT ALTITUDE HI
4) CLASSICAL SPEED FOR MAXIMUM RANGE AT ALTITUDE HI
5) SERVICE AND ABSOLUTE CEILINGS (FOR NON-SUPERCHARGED ENGINES)
6) MAXIMUM R/C, SPEED, POWER, AND TIME SCHEDULE VS. ALTITUDE FOR MINIMUM TIME TO CLIMB FROM ALTITUDE HI TO ALTITUDE HF
7) R/C, SPEED, AND POWER SCHEDULE VS. ALTITUDE FOR MOST ECONOMICAL CLIMB FROM ALTITUDE HI TO ALTITUDE HF
8) MAXIMUM R/C, POWER AVAILABLE, AND POWER REQUIRED SCHEDULE VS. VELOCITY AT ALTITUDE HI FOR VELOCITIES BETWEEN THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEEDS
9) LIFT AND DRAG COEFFICIENTS IN ALL THE ABOVE CASES

THE DRAG POLAR IS ASSUMED TO BE OF THE FORM

CD = CDO + CD1*CL**2 + CD12*CL**3

FOR A CONVENTIONAL DRAG POLAR, CD12 AND D ARE INPUTTED AS ZEROS. IF A CONVENTIONAL DRAG POLAR IS USED, THE PREGRAM WILL GIVE AN UNREALISTIC VALUE FOR THE MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED.

THIS PROGRAM ASSUMES THAT SUPERCHARGED MEANS THAT THE POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY CURVE DOES NOT VARY WITH ALTITUDE

IMPLICIT REAL*(816-H-W-0-Z)
COMMON A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z
SPAT(20),PCAP(4),Z(20),PCR,SGMREF,SGMA,V(20),W,LSUP,N,NML
DIMENSION DELTY(20)
DATA RM/G-0023BD0/

INPUT POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY AT REFERENCE ALTITUDE MREF

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C          TION POLY FOR DEFINITION OF PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL)
C          WHOSE ROOTS ARE VMAX AND VMIN
C          COUNT - COUNTER FOR THE NUMBER OF ROOTS FOUND
C
C          SUPROUTINE LEVEL(VMAX,VMIN)
C          IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
C          COMMON A,AA,B,BB,C,CC,D,DDO,DDI1,DDI2,CLCOEF,COEF(13),HI,HF,HREF,
C          SPA(20),PACDEF(4,20),PCR,SGMPREF,SIGMA,V(20),W,ISUP,W,NMI
C          DIMENSION NCM(15)
C          DATA NCM/4,0,2,2,2,2/
C
C          DETERMINE ROOTS OF PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL BETWEEN V(1) AND V(M)
C          IROOT = 0
C          KOUNT = 0
C          COEF(15) = 0
C          COEF(16) = 0
C          COEF(17) = CC
C          COEF(18) = 1-ODO
C          I = 1
C          1 COEF(11) = PACDEF(1,1)*PCR + AB
C          COEF(12) = PACDEF(2,1)*PCR
C          COEF(13) = PACDEF(3,1)*PCR
C          COEF(14) = PACDEF(4,1)*PCR
C          V1 = V(1)
C          V2 = V(1)
C          CALL ROOTS(MOIM,COEF,V1,V2,VROOT,IROOT)
C          IF(IROOT.EQ.2)
C          2 IF(KOUNT-1) 3,5,5
C          3 VMIN = VROOT
C          KOUNT = 1
C          IF(IROOT.EQ.2) I = I + 1
C          IROOT = 0
C          4 I = I + 1
C          IF(I.LT.M) GO TO 1
C          IF(KOUNT) 7,7,8
C          C          TWO ROOTS FOUND
C          5 VMAX = VROOT
C          6 CL = CLCOEF/(SIGMA*VPM*VMIN)
C          CD = CDO + CD1*CL*2 + CD2*CL**2
C          WRITE(13,200) VMIN,CL,CC
C          200 FORMAT(1X,42X,'MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED =',D12.5,' FT/SEC',1X,34
C          5X,'LIFT COEFFICIENT =',D12.5,4X,'DRAG COEFFICIENT =',D12.5/)
C          CL = CLCOEF/(SIGMA*VMAX*VMAX)
C          CD = CDO + CD1*CL*2 + CD2*CL**2
C          WRITE(13,210) VMAX,CL,CD
C          210 FORMAT(1X,42X,'MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED =',D12.5,' FT/SEC',1X,34
C          5X,'LIFT COEFFICIENT =',D12.5,4X,'DRAG COEFFICIENT =',D12.5//)
C          RETURN
C          NO ROOTS FOUND. SET VMAX = V(M) AND VMIN = V(1).
C          7 VMIN = V(1)
C          VMAX = V(M+1)
C          WRITE(13,220)
C          220 FORMAT(1X,1G(10,1),'. PROGRAM HAS FAILED TO FIND A MAXIMUM AND A MIN
C          IUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED',1X,11X,'VMAX IS SET EQUAL TO V(M) AND VMI
C          N IS SET EQUAL TO V(1) OF THE PA(1) VS V(1) CURVE',/)
C          GO TO 6

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C          ONLY ONE ROOT HAS BEEN FOUND. DETERMINE IF IT IS VMIN OR VMAX.
C          8 VTEST = C.95CC*VMIN
C          MTEST = M
C          TEST = PCMER(VTEST,MTEST) + AA*VTEST**3 + BB*VTEST
C          IF(CC.AE.0.0001) TEST = TEST - VTEST*(CC/VTEST**2)**(D-1.000)
C          IF(ABS(T,0.000) GO TO 9
C          C          SINGLE ROOT IS VMAX. SET VPM = V(1).
C          C          VMAX = V(M)
C          VMIN = V(1)
C          WRITE(13,230)
C          230 FORMAT(1X,101,4X,'. PROGRAM HAS FAILED TO FIND A MINIMUM LEVEL FLI
C          GHT SPEED',1X,11X,'VMIN IS SET EQUAL TO V(1) OF THE PA(1) VS V(1)
C          CURVE',/)
C          GO TO 6
C          C          SINGLE ROOT IS VMIN. SET VMAX = V(M).
C          C          9 VMAX = V(M+1)
C          WRITE(13,240)
C          240 FORMAT(1X,101,4X,'. PROGRAM HAS FAILED TO FIND A MAXIMUM LEVEL FLI
C          GHT SPEED',1X,11X,'VMAX IS SET EQUAL TO V(M) OF THE PA(1) VS V(1)
C          CURVE',/)
C          GO TO 6
C          END
C
C          THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB
C          ANGLE AND THE MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE
C          VANGLE - VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE
C          GAMMAX - MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE
C          COEF - COEFFICIENTS OF THE PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL WHOSE ROOT
C          IS THE VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE
C          SUBROUTINE ANGLE
C          IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
C          COMMON A,AA,B,BB,C,CC,D,DDO,DDI1,DDI2,CLCOEF,COEF(13),HI,HF,HREF,
C          SPA(20),PACDEF(4,20),PCR,SGMPREF,SIGMA,V(20),W,ISUP,W,NMI
C          DIMENSION NCM(15)
C          DATA NCM/4,0,2,2,2,2/
C          C          DETERMINE ROOTS OF PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL BETWEEN V(1) AND V(M)
C          AND CHOOSE THE ONE GIVING THE MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE
C          IROOT = 0
C          VANGLE = 0.000
C          GAMMAX = 0.000
C          COEF(13) = 0.000
C          COEF(15) = -2.000*BB
C          COEF(16) = 0
C          COEF(17) = CC
C          COEF(18) = 2.000*(1.000-D)
C          I = 1
C          1 COEF(11) = 2.000*(AA + PACDEF(1,1)*PCR)
C          COEF(12) = PACDEF(2,1)*PCR
C          COEF(13) = PACDEF(3,1)*PCR
C          COEF(14) = -PACDEF(4,1)*PCR
C          V1 = V(1)

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34      V2 = V1*(1)
35      CALL ROOTINDIM,COEF,V1,V2,VROOT,IROOT)
36      IF(IROOT) 4,4,2
37
38      ROOT OF PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL HAS BEEN FOUND.  CALCULATE CLIMB
39      ANGLE AND COMPARE IT TO CLIMB ANGLE OF ANY PREVIOUS ROOT TO
40      DETERMINE WHICH IS THE GREATER.
41
42      2 GAMMA = (0.500*COEF(1)+VROOT*VROOT + COEF(2)+VROOT + PACOEF(3,1))
43      SPCL - COEF(4)/VROOT - 0.500*COEF(5)/VROOT/VROOT/7/M
44      IF(D.NE.0.000) GAMMA = GAMMA - (CC/VROOT**2)*ID-(1.000)/M
45      IF(IROOT.EQ.2) I = I + 1
46      IF(GAMMA.LT.GAMMAX) GO TO 3
47      GAMMAX = GAMMA
48      VANGLE = VROOT
49
50      3 IROOT = 0
51      IF(I.LT.N) GO TO 1
52      IF(VANGLE.EQ.0.000) GO TO 5
53
54      PRINT RESULTS
55
56      GAMMAX = GAMMAX*180.000/3.1415900
57      CL = CLCOEF/(SIGMA*VANGLE*VANGLE)
58      CC = CDO + COT1*CL**2 + COT2*CL**3
59      WRITE(3,200) GAMMAX,VANGLE,CL,CD
60      FORMAT(1X,200) GAMMAX,VANGLE,CL,CD
61
62      200 FORMAT(1X,47X,'MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE =',D12.5,' DEG/1X,39X,'VELOCIT
63      Y FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE =',D12.5,' FT-SEC/1X,34X,'LIFT COEFFICI
64      ENT =',D12.5,4X,'DRAG COEFFICIENT =',D12.5/////)
65      RETURN
66
67      4 NO ROOT HAS BEEN FOUND BETWEEN V(1) AND V(M).  WRITE ERROR
68      MESSAGE.
69
70      5 WRITE(3,210)
71      210 FORMAT(1X,10(' '),* PROGRAM HAS FAILED TO FIND A MAXIMUM CLIMB ANG
72      SLE*////)
73      RETURN
74      END
75
76      THIS SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE VELOCITY AND POWER FOR
77      MAXIMUM ENDURANCE
78
79      VENDMX = VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE
80      PNDMX = POWER FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE
81      COEF - COEFFICIENTS OF PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL WHOSE ROOT IS
82      THE VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE
83
84      SUBROUTINE ENDURE(VMIN)
85      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
86      COMMON A,AA,B,BB,C,CC,DDO,CDO+COT1,COT2,CLCOEF,COEF(13),MI,HF,HREF,
87      SPAI(20),PACOEF(14,20),PCR,SGMREF,SIGMA,VIZCI,M,ISUP,N,NPI
88      DIMENSION NDIMI(5)
89      DATA NDIM/4,0.2,2,2/
90
91      TEST TO SEE IF DRAG POLAR IS CONVENTIONAL TYPE
92
93      IF(CC.NE.0.000) GO TO 1
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74  SY(NMI1)*11.000*H1 + 42.000*H2 + 21.000*H3)/(H2*H3)/H2 + Y(NMI-1)*
75  SY(NMI1)*.000*H1 + 21.000*H2 + H3)/(H1*H2)/H2/M3 - Y(NMI-2)*H1*(11.
76  000*H1 + 21.000*H2)/H2*H3)/(H1*H2*H3)/H3
77  D = 3.000*D/H1/16.000
78  U(N) = (D - ASU(N-1))/P
79
80  SOLVE FOR THE SPLINE COEFFICIENTS CORRESPONDING TO ANLBERG'S
81  M10) TO M1M) AND STORE THEM IN THE U11).
82
83  DO 3 J=1,NMI
84  1 = N - J
85
86  3 U1(J) = Q11*(U1(J+1) + U1(J))
87
88  FORM THE AALJ,1) COEFFICIENTS FOR THE CONVENTIONAL FCPR OF
89  A CUBIC POLYNOMIAL FROM THE U11)
90
91  UU = U11)
92  XX = X11)
93  YY = Y11)
94  DO 4 I=1,NMI
95  X = X1(I)
96  Y = Y1(I)
97  NM = M1(I)
98  AAL1,1) = (UP - UU)/NM/6.000
99  AAL2,1) = 0.500*(3*UU - X*XX)/NM
100  S(UP - YY)/NM
101  SM6.ODD = (UU*XX*XX*XP - UU*XP*XP)/NM + (UU - UP)*NM/6.000 +
102  X*XX - YY)/NM
103  SM6.ODD + (Y*XP - Y*XP*XP)/NM/6.000 + (UP*XX - UU*XP)*M
104  XX = XP
105  UU = UP
106  YY = YP
107
108  RETURN
109  END

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# Sample Output

## POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY REFERENCE ALTITUDE = 0.0 FEET

PA (FT-LBS/SEC)	V (FT/SEC)
0.0	0.0
0.291500 05	0.273300 02
0.324700 05	0.346700 02
0.699600 05	0.820000 02
0.816200 05	0.109330 03
0.874500 05	0.136670 03
0.909480 05	0.164000 03
0.944460 05	0.191330 03
0.958650 05	0.218670 03
0.967780 05	0.246000 03
0.973610 05	0.273330 03
0.979440 05	0.300670 03
0.994700 05	0.328000 03
0.994700 05	0.355330 03
0.994700 05	0.382660 03

## AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

CD = 0.268800-01 + 0.542420-01\*CL\*\*2 + 0.177510-01\*CL\*\* 0.650000 01  
WING AREA = 0.174000 03 SQ.FT WEIGHT = 0.263000 04 LBS

STATIC PERFORMANCE AT AN ALTITUDE = 0.0 FT  
WITH MINIMUM TIME AND MOST ECONOMICAL CLIMB SCHEDULES TO A FINAL ALTITUDE = 0.100000 05 FT  
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MINIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.904650 02 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.156380 01 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.484180 00

MAXIMUM LEVEL FLIGHT SPEED = 0.252570 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.200620 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.290630-01

MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.102200 02 DEG  
VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM CLIMB ANGLE = 0.117100 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.933380 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.854750-01

VELOCITY FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.125710 03 FT/SEC  
POWER FOR MAXIMUM ENDURANCE = 0.275450 05 FT-LBS/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.809850 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.669610-01

VELOCITY FOR CLASSICAL MAXIMUM RANGE = 0.142050 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.634230 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.496190-01

SERVICE CEILING = 0.194420 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT SERVICE CEILING = 0.175540 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.764240 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.616530-01

ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.212360 05 FT  
VELOCITY AT ABSOLUTE CEILING = 0.180230 03 FT/SEC  
LIFT COEFFICIENT = 0.770560 00 DRAG COEFFICIENT = 0.623480-01

## MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB SCHEDULE FROM 0.0 FT TO 0.100000 05 FT

H (FT)	R (C/FT/SEC)	V (FT/SEC)	P (FT-LBS/SEC)	CL	CD	T (SEC)
0.0	0.222570 02	0.136010 03	0.873540 05	0.691830 00	0.544600-01	0.0
0.500000 03	0.216590 02	0.136620 03	0.859210 05	0.695810 00	0.548210-01	0.227750 02
0.100000 04	0.210650 02	0.137250 03	0.845040 05	0.699660 00	0.551740-01	0.461850 02
0.150000 04	0.204750 02	0.137890 03	0.831020 05	0.703390 00	0.555190-01	0.702630 02
0.200000 04	0.198890 02	0.138560 03	0.817160 05	0.707000 00	0.558560-01	0.950420 02
0.250000 04	0.193070 02	0.139250 03	0.803450 05	0.710490 00	0.561850-01	0.120560 03
0.300000 04	0.187280 02	0.139960 03	0.789890 05	0.713840 00	0.565040-01	0.146860 03
0.350000 04	0.181540 02	0.140690 03	0.776470 05	0.717080 00	0.568140-01	0.173980 03
0.400000 04	0.175830 02	0.141450 03	0.763200 05	0.720180 00	0.571150-01	0.201970 03
0.450000 04	0.170150 02	0.142220 03	0.750080 05	0.723160 00	0.574050-01	0.230880 03
0.500000 04	0.164510 02	0.143020 03	0.737090 05	0.726000 00	0.576840-01	0.260770 03
0.550000 04	0.158910 02	0.143840 03	0.724250 05	0.728720 00	0.579530-01	0.291700 03
0.600000 04	0.153350 02	0.144680 03	0.711550 05	0.731310 00	0.582110-01	0.323730 03
0.650000 04	0.147820 02	0.145540 03	0.698990 05	0.733760 00	0.584570-01	0.356950 03
0.700000 04	0.142330 02	0.146430 03	0.686570 05	0.736080 00	0.586910-01	0.391420 03
0.750000 04	0.136870 02	0.147340 03	0.674280 05	0.738280 00	0.589140-01	0.427260 03
0.800000 04	0.131440 02	0.148280 03	0.662130 05	0.740340 00	0.591240-01	0.465540 03
0.850000 04	0.126060 02	0.149240 03	0.650110 05	0.742270 00	0.593220-01	0.503390 03
0.900000 04	0.120700 02	0.150220 03	0.638230 05	0.744070 00	0.595080-01	0.543940 03
0.950000 04	0.115390 02	0.151220 03	0.626490 05	0.745730 00	0.596810-01	0.586320 03
0.100000 05	0.110100 02	0.152260 03	0.614880 05	0.747270 00	0.598410-01	0.630690 03

MOST ECONOMICAL RATE OF CLIMB SCHEDULE FROM 0.0

FT TO 0.100000 05 FT

H(FT)	R/C(FT/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)	P(FT-LBS/SEC)	CL	CD
0.0	0.221090 02	0.128970 03	0.862280 05	0.769400 00	0.622200-01
0.500000 03	0.215140 02	0.129860 03	0.848770 05	0.770160 00	0.623040-01
0.100000 04	0.209220 02	0.130750 03	0.835360 05	0.770890 00	0.623850-01
0.150000 04	0.203320 02	0.131660 03	0.822050 05	0.771600 00	0.624640-01
0.200000 04	0.197450 02	0.132580 03	0.808850 05	0.772270 00	0.625390-01
0.250000 04	0.191600 02	0.133510 03	0.795750 05	0.772910 00	0.626100-01
0.300000 04	0.185770 02	0.134450 03	0.782750 05	0.773520 00	0.626780-01
0.350000 04	0.179970 02	0.135410 03	0.769860 05	0.774090 00	0.627430-01
0.400000 04	0.174200 02	0.136390 03	0.757080 05	0.774630 00	0.628030-01
0.450000 04	0.168450 02	0.137370 03	0.744400 05	0.775120 00	0.628580-01
0.500000 04	0.162720 02	0.138370 03	0.731840 05	0.775590 00	0.629110-01
0.550000 04	0.157020 02	0.139380 03	0.719380 05	0.776030 00	0.629600-01
0.600000 04	0.151350 02	0.140410 03	0.707030 05	0.776430 00	0.630050-01
0.650000 04	0.145700 02	0.141450 03	0.694800 05	0.776790 00	0.630470-01
0.700000 04	0.140070 02	0.142510 03	0.682670 05	0.777120 00	0.630840-01
0.750000 04	0.134470 02	0.143590 03	0.670660 05	0.777410 00	0.631160-01
0.800000 04	0.128900 02	0.144680 03	0.658760 05	0.777650 00	0.631440-01
0.850000 04	0.123350 02	0.145780 03	0.646970 05	0.777850 00	0.631660-01
0.900000 04	0.117820 02	0.146910 03	0.635300 05	0.777990 00	0.631830-01
0.950000 04	0.112320 02	0.148050 03	0.623750 05	0.778090 00	0.631930-01
0.100000 05	0.106840 02	0.149210 03	0.612310 05	0.778130 00	0.631980-01

MAXIMUM R/C, POWER AVAILABLE, & POWER REQUIRED VS VELOCITY  
AT 0.0 FT

R/C(FT/SEC)	PA(FT-LBS/SEC)	PRQ(FT-LBS/SEC)	V(FT/SEC)
0.391050-09	0.742250 05	0.742250 05	0.904650 02
0.136260 02	0.783430 05	0.422340 05	0.100000 03
0.191130 02	0.818250 05	0.311760 05	0.110000 03
0.213400 02	0.844490 05	0.278990 05	0.120000 03
0.221510 02	0.864040 05	0.277040 05	0.130000 03
0.222170 02	0.879200 05	0.290440 05	0.140000 03
0.218260 02	0.892030 05	0.313650 05	0.150000 03
0.211210 02	0.904320 05	0.344610 05	0.160000 03
0.201930 02	0.917670 05	0.382560 05	0.170000 03
0.190230 02	0.931410 05	0.427300 05	0.180000 03
0.175210 02	0.943170 05	0.478870 05	0.190000 03
0.156070 02	0.951000 05	0.537410 05	0.200000 03
0.133030 02	0.955690 05	0.603150 05	0.210000 03
0.106710 02	0.959090 05	0.676320 05	0.220000 03
0.774840 01	0.962540 05	0.757200 05	0.230000 03
0.452220 01	0.965920 05	0.846080 05	0.240000 03
0.968740 00	0.968910 05	0.943240 05	0.250000 03
0.991510-10	0.969590 05	0.969590 05	0.252570 03

## APPENDIX D - Path Performance Program

### User Instructions

The program is written in FORTRAN IV and is designed for execution in double precision on an IBM 370/165. For convenient description, the program is divided into five parts as follows:

- (1) Mainline - This section handles overall program control, reads all input data, converts the variable units so that they are consistent for execution but convenient for input and output. Based on the initial input, it adjusts the value of sea level density so that for the first point lift equals weight to within maximum machine accuracy. This is necessary for subsequent calculations to yield accurate values of  $\gamma$  and  $\dot{\gamma}$ . If an adjustment in  $\rho_0$  of more than 5% is needed, the input data is considered inconsistent and execution stops. Therefore, the user should always adjust the input data so that lift and weight are initially equal. The mainline also prints out the integrated solution and tests the results for variables exceeding upper or lower limits.
- (2) Subroutine SPLINE - This subroutine provides maximum power available, as a function of  $h$  and  $V$ , for use in testing the calculated power or possibly as an input when power is specified as  $P_{\max}$ . A detailed description of the spline procedure and calculation of  $P_{\max}(h, V)$  is given in the section entitled Computerization Procedure for Point Performance.
- (3) Subroutine F - Corresponding to a particular pair of specified variables, this subroutine calculates both derivatives of the variables to be integrated and updates the algebraic parameters at each integration point.
- (4) Thirteen FUNCTION Subprograms - These subprograms supply values for the specified variables and their derivatives throughout the integration region. The specified variables may be functions of one or more different flight parameters.
- (5) Subroutine TRENOR - This subroutine integrates the general equations using a modified Runge-Kutta Predictor-Corrector technique which is described both in the Path Performance section and in Appendix G. This subroutine also adjusts the integration step size by halving or doubling on the basis of an error criterion.

Throughout this program, the subscripted variable  $Y$  is used to denote any of the five integrated variables. Their positions are defined as follows:

$Y(1)$  = range,  $x$   
 $Y(2)$  = weight,  $W$   
 $Y(3)$  = altitude,  $h$   
 $Y(4)$  = flight path angle,  $\gamma$   
 $Y(5)$  = velocity,  $V$

Once a suitable set of specified variables has been chosen, the user selects the associated Key number from Table D-1.

Key	Specified Variables	FUNCTION Subprograms Utilized
1	$h, V$	$H, DH, DDH, V, DV$
2	$h, \gamma$	$H, DH, DDH, GAM, DGAM$
3	$h, \alpha$	$H, DH, DDH, ALPHA, DALPHA$
4	$h, W$	$H, DH, DDH, W, DW$
5	$h, P$	$H, DH, DDH, P$
6	$V, \gamma$	$V, DV, GAM, DGAM$
7	$V, \alpha$	$V, DV, ALPHA$
8	$V, W$	$V, DV, W, DW$
9	$V, P$	$V, DV, P$
10	$\gamma, \alpha$	$GAM, DGAM, DDGAM, ALPHA, DALPHA$
11	$\gamma, W$	$GAM, DGAM, W, DW$
12	$\gamma, P$	$GAM, DGAM, P$
13	$\alpha, W$	$ALPHA, W, DW$
14	$\alpha, P$	$ALPHA, P$

Table D-1. Relation between Key numbers, specified variables, and FUNCTION subprograms.

Based on the Key numbers this program selects the variables which will be integrated and those to be specified. Corresponding to a Key number, the user must provide relations for the associated FUNCTION subprograms as shown in Table D-1. Even though each specified variable and its derivatives are implicitly functions of time (the independent variable), they may be explicit functions of other parameters as well. If this is the case, it is mandatory that the argument lists of both the FUNCTION subprograms and of the calling statement in subroutine F be made compatible. The following two examples will illustrate this procedure.

Example (1). Choose velocity and angle of attack as the specified variables. From Table D-1, this pair has a Key value of seven. For Key = 7, Table D-1 indicates utilization of subprograms V, DV, and ALPHA. Let velocity equal 151 feet per second and angle of attack equal that for maximum lift to drag ratio, as in Case (3) of Table 5. The FUNCTION subprograms now appear as:

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FUNCTION V(T)
IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
V = 151.DO
RETURN
END

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FUNCTION DV(T)
IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
DV = 0.0DO
RETURN
END

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FUNCTION ALPHA(T)
IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
ALPHA = .10258DO
RETURN
END

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The FUNCTION calls of subroutine F in the Key = 7 section would then read:

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29 Y(5) = V(T)
   ALPHA1 = ALPHA(T)
   P1 = Y(2)*Y(5)*DV(T)/G+ . . .

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Example (2). This example is more complex and is designed to help demonstrate the program's flexibility. Let velocity and flight path angle be the specified variables. Table D-1 indicates Key = 6 and the needed FUNCTION subprograms are V, DV, GAM, DGAM. Let  $V$ ,  $\dot{V}$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\dot{\gamma}$  be those for the landing analysis described by Equations (54)-(59). The variables are as follows:

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} -.04363 \text{ radians} & 17.45 < H \leq 1500 \\ -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{X - 34758.19}{H - 18333.1} \right) & 0 \leq H \leq 17.45 \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \begin{cases} 0.0 \\ \approx 0.0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } H$$

$$V = \begin{cases} 140.0 & 17.45 < H \leq 1500 \\ \left(\frac{50}{17.45}\right) H + 90. & 0 \leq H \leq 17.45 \end{cases}$$

and since

$$V = \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{50}{17.45} \dot{h} = \frac{50}{17.45} V \sin \gamma$$

Thus,

$$\dot{V} = \begin{cases} 0.0 & 17.45 < H \leq 1500 \\ \frac{50}{17.45} V \sin \gamma & 0 \leq H \leq 17.45 \end{cases}$$

The FUNCTION subprograms corresponding to each of these variables are as follows:

FUNCTION GAM(X,H)

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IF(H.LE.17.45D0) GO TO 1

GAM = -.04363D0

RETURN

1 GAM = -DATAN((X-34758.19D0)/(H-18333.1D0))

RETURN

END

FUNCTION DGAM(T)

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·

DGAM = 0.0D0

RETURN

END

FUNCTION V(H)

·  
·

IF(H.LE.17.45D0) GO TO 1

V = 140.D0

RETURN

1 V = 50.D0\*H/17.45D0+90.D0

RETURN

END



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FUNCTION DV(H,V,GAM)
  .
  .
  IF(H.LE.17.45D0) GO TO 1
  DV = 0.0D0
  RETURN
1 DV = 50.D0*V*DSIN(GAM)/17.45D0
  RETURN
END

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For these variables the FUNCTION calls of subroutine F in Key = 6 section should read as follows:

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28 Y(5) = V(Y(5))
   Y(4) = GAM(Y(1),Y(3))
   CL = (DGAM(T)+G . . .
   P1 = Y(2)*Y(5)*DV(Y(3),Y(5),Y(4))/G+ . . .

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These two examples in addition to those of the sample program, which appears later in this Appendix, serve to illustrate the steps necessary for supplying the specified variables.

For analyzing a particular aircraft, this program requires input data which may be grouped into three categories. Each input variable is defined in detail on the first page of the program listing.

Group (1). The first group, composed of all information necessary to calculate maximum power available as a function of velocity and altitude, is identical with the initial set of data cards for the point performance program. The number N of power available versus velocity data points to be specified; the control parameter ISUP which designates whether the engine is supercharged (ISUP = 1) or unsupercharged (ISUP = 0) and the reference altitude HREF (feet) which is the altitude at which the power versus velocity data points are obtained (for a supercharged aircraft HREF must be sea level in this program) are read from the first data card. The next N cards contain data points of maximum power available PA (ft-lbs per sec) versus velocity VA (ft per sec) with one data point per card, and power specified first. Thus the first N + 1 cards of the two programs have an identical purpose.

Group (2). The second group consists of variables which control the integration of the path performance equations. The value of KEY indicates those variables which will be integrated and those to be specified. PRINT gives the frequency of print out. MAXHLV limits the net number of times for halving the step size. ACCHLV and ACCDBL govern the halving and doubling of the step size and HMAX is the maximum step size permitted.

Group (3). The third group includes initial conditions for the trajectory, pertinent aircraft characteristics, the maximum time for the trajectory, and other necessary parameters. These variables are defined, complete with units, in the program listing.

Table D-2 gives the format specification for the input of all the necessary data.

N	ISUP	HREF					
I10	I10	D20.13					
PA(1)		VA(1)					
D20.13		D20.13					
.		.					
.		.					
.		.					
PA(N)		VA(N)					
D20.13		D20.13					
KEY	IPRINT	MAXHLV	ACCHLV	ACCDBL	HMAX		
I10	I10	I10	D15.8	D15.8	D15.8		
H1	V1	GAM1	ALPHA1	W1	P1	X1	C
D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3
TDEL	TMAX	G	S	RHO	CLAO	CLA	CD0
D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3
E	AR	VMIN	WEMPTY	EX			
D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3	D10.3			

Table D-2. Input format specification for data of the Path Performance Program.

This program is designed so that the data of Group (1) (for computing  $P_{\max}(h, V)$ ) is read only once during the program execution. For a particular vehicle with  $P_{\max}$  described by Group (1) data, sets of data from Groups (2) and (3) may be repeatedly read for calculating several different trajectories. Upon completion of a single trajectory, the program returns to the statement where KEY, IPRINT, . . . are read. If KEY is any integer between 1 and 14 the program reads a new set of Group (2) and (3) data. This process may be often repeated. After the last trajectory a card with KEY equal zero is inserted to stop the program execution.

The program listing and sample output which appear at the end of this appendix are used to illustrate the integration of two different trajectories

during one program execution. These two examples will adequately illustrate the program's operation, even though several other cases could have easily been included. Compatibility of the FUNCTION subprogram argument lists with their calling statements may be observed in the program listing. The sample output resulted from the program's execution of the example data set in Table D-3. The following discussion describes collection of input data for each example with the total data set presented in Table D-3. The airframe for these examples is presented in Figure 2, and the power (PA) versus velocity (VA) points were obtained from Appendix F.

Example (1). An aircraft initially weighing 2650 pounds and having a parabolic drag polar is to fly with angle of attack for maximum lift to drag ratio at a constant altitude of 10000 feet.

Let

$$C_D = C_{D_0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi e A R} = .0269 + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi (.98)(7.378)}$$

thus

$$\alpha_{(L/D)_{\max}} = .10258 \text{ radians} = 5.8778 \text{ degrees.}$$

Also,

$$C_L = C_{L_{(\alpha=0)}} + C_{L_{\alpha}} \alpha = .309 + 4.608(.10258) = .7817$$

and

$$C_D = .0538$$

At the initial point lift must equal weight, so

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho(h_0) V_0^2 S C_L = W_0$$

or

$$V_0 = \left( \frac{2W_0}{\rho(h_0) C_L S} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \frac{2(2650)}{(.001755)(.7817)(174)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V_0 = 149.0 \text{ ft/sec}$$

and

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} \rho(h_0) C_D V_0^3 = 27173.0 \text{ ft-lbs/sec} = 49.4 \text{ hp}$$

Thus the initial conditions are as follows:

$h_o = 10000.$   
 $V_o = 149.$   
 $\gamma_o = 0.0$   
 $\alpha_o = 5.8778$

$W_o = 2650.$   
 $P_o = 49.4$   
 $x_o = 0.0$

Values for the other necessary parameters are as follows:

$c = 0.6$	$C_{D_o} = .0269$
$TDEL = 0.5$	$E = .98$
$TMAX = 480.0$	$AR = 7.378$
$G = 32.2$	$V_{MIN} = 35.0$
$S = 174.$	$W_{EMPTY} = 2150.$
$\rho_o = .00238$	$EX = 2.0$
$C_{L_\alpha} = 4.608$	$C_{L(\alpha=0)} = 0.309$

For  $\alpha$  and  $h$  specified, Table D-1 indicates that KEY = 3. The correct FUNCTION subprograms associated with this value are shown in the program listing. Typical values of the other parameters are as follows:

$IPRINT = 10$	$ACCHLV = .001$
$MAXHLV = 2$	$ACCDL = .00002$

Since these inputs produce rather smooth solutions a maximum step size of 60 seconds ( $HMAX = 60.$ ) is employed.

The second example will consider an airframe slightly different from that of the first example but described by the same maximum power curves.

Example (2). A 2700 pound aircraft initially flying with velocity of 120 ft/sec at sea level and having a non-parabolic drag polar is to climb under full throttle for 30 minutes with a constant flight path angle of 1.5 degrees (.026178 radians). Let

$$C_D = .02987 + .07276 C_L^{2.991}$$

then

$$C_{D_o} = .02987$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\pi e AR} = .07276 \quad \text{or} \quad e = \frac{1}{\pi (7.378) (.07276)} = .593$$

Since lift and weight must be made equal at the first point, the initial angle of attack is computed as follows:

$$C_L = \frac{2W_O}{\rho(h_O)V_O^2 S} = \frac{2(2700)}{(.00238)(120)^2 174} = .9055$$

and

$$\alpha_O = (C_L - C_{L(\alpha=0)})/C_{L\alpha} = (.9055 - .309)/4.608$$

$$\alpha_O = .12945 \text{ radians} = 7.42 \text{ degrees}$$

$$P_O = P_{\max}(h_O, V_O) = P_{\max}(0.0, 120) = 153.5 \text{ hp}$$

The complete initial conditions are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} h_O = 0.0 & W_O = 2700. \\ V_O = 120. & P_O = 153.5 \\ \gamma_O = 1.5 & x_O = 0.0 \\ \alpha_O = 7.42 \end{array}$$

Other necessary parameters are:

$$\begin{array}{ll} c = 0.6 & C_{D_O} = .02987 \\ TDEL = 0.5 & E = .593 \\ TMAX = 30.0 & AR = 7.378 \\ G = 32.2 & VMIN = 35.0 \\ S = 174. & WEMPTY = 2150. \\ \rho_O = .00238 & EX = 2.991 \\ C_{L\alpha} = 4.608 & C_{L(\alpha=0)} = 0.309 \end{array}$$

For  $\gamma$  and  $P$  as specified variables, Table D-1 indicates KEY = 12. The correct FUNCTION subprograms associated with this value are shown in the program listing. Typical values of the other control parameters are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} IPRINT = 5 & ACCHLV = .001 \\ MAXHLV = 2 & ACCDBL = .00002 \end{array}$$

Since flight path angle is restricted to be a constant, no oscillations are present and HMAX is set equal to 30 seconds. The input data for these two examples is presented in Table D-3. The solution time histories for these two examples are presented in the sample output.

The overall program has some limitations which should be brought to the user's attention. Several of these could be overcome by increasing the program's complexity, but for the analysis of light aircraft this was deemed unnecessary. The lift coefficient,  $C_L$ , was restricted to lie between 0 and 15 so as to prevent the inclusion of a general root solver. A maximum flight path angle of one radian was imposed solely as a check point. For most Key numbers the program may be used for flight path angles having magnitudes of nearly 90 degrees. In the derivation of the general equations of motion, power was assumed independent of angle of attack. If this restriction is

Table D-3. Input data for example given in Program Listing and Sample Output.

too severe, the user may modify the equations in subroutine F under a particular Key number to provide for any variation in power with angle of attack. Finally, the program structure is such that during one execution the same variable may not be specified in two different ways, since this would necessitate two different FUNCTION subprograms for the same calling statements. However, a variable may be incremented for several similar trajectories by simply passing a counter in the argument list of the FUNCTION call. For most light aircraft studies the aforementioned restrictions pose no problem to the user.

The following discussion contains "trouble shooting" aids for the user who has a new problem for the program to solve. If the program message reads:

- (1) "INCONSISTENT INPUT DATA, EXECUTION CEASED FOR THAT KEY NUMBER" - Lift and weight were not equal or the program attempted to calculate a  $C_D$  less than  $C_{D_0}$  at the initial point.
- (2) "VALUE OF MAXHLV WAS EXCEEDED, EXECUTION STOPPED" - The value of MAXHLV should be increased and/or use a smaller initial step size (TDEL).
- (3) "ABSOLUTE VALUE OF FLIGHT PATH ANGLE BECAME GREATER THAN 1.0 RADIAN" - If this error suddenly appears when the actual printed time history is small in magnitude but oscillatory, the corrective action is to decrease HMAX so as to prevent the rapid halving and doubling of the step size.
- (4) "ALTITUDE BECAME NEGATIVE" - This may occur when the actual trajectory closely approaches sea level. If the initial altitude is zero, then the start of integration may cause a slight oscillation which gives an erroneous negative altitude. In this case, increase  $h_0$  to perhaps 50 feet.

For maximum integration efficiency, values for ACCHLV and ACCDBL may be adjusted based on the experience of previous executions to produce a minimum of halving and doubling the step size.

The following listing and sample output complete this description of the Path Performance Program.

## Listing

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62 AR - WING ASPECT RATIO.
63 VMIN - AIRCRAFT MINIMUM SPEED IN FEET PER SECOND.
64 WEMPTY - AIRCRAFT WEIGHT WITH ZERO FUEL IN POUNDS.
65 EX - EXTERNAL POWER TO WHICH LIFT COEFFICIENT IS RAISED IN
66 PERCENT.
67 ESTIMATING INDUCED DRAG.
68
69 IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
70 DIMENSION Y(51),DY(51),KEY(11,4,6),PALZ(20),VALZ(20)
71 EXTERNAL M,DH,DDH,V,OV,GAM,OGAM,ALPHA,DALPHA,W,DW,P,F
72 COMMON KEY,KEY(5)
73 COMMON /PARAM/ALPHA,P1,C2,CL,C2,S,RHO,CLAO,CLAO,CD0,P1,E,AR,G,EX
74 DATA KEY(1,4,6),392.5,392.3,2.2,3.2,3.2,0.5,0.5,0.5,3.3,4.3,3.3,4.3
75 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
76 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
77 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
78 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
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81 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
82 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
83 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
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87 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,4,0,4,5,0,5,5,4,1300,5,2,3,3,2,3,3,4,3,4,4,4,5,
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C      INITIALIZE THE INTEGRATION INTERVAL TO ZERO TIME.
C      INITIALIZE COUNTERS K FOR DETERMINING PRINTOUT FREQUENCY, ISET
C      FOR DETERMINING THE MODIFIED RANGE-KUTTA ON OR OFF, AND ANTHLV FOR
C      DETERMINING WHETHER MAXLV HAS BEEN EXCEEDED.
C
126  GAMMA=1.000
127  T=0.0
128  K=0
129  ISET=0
130  ANTHLV=0
131
132  C      THE FOLLOWING SIX CARDS ADJUST THE VALUE OF SEA LEVEL DENSITY SO
133  C      THAT THE AIRCRAFT'S LIFT AND WEIGHT ARE EQUAL AT THE INITIAL
134  C      POINT. THIS PREVENTS UNNECESSARY ERROR IN SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION
135  C      OF DGMMA/DITI. IF THIS CHANGE IN RHO IS IN EXCESS OF FIVE
136  C      PERCENT, THEN THE INPUT DATA IS DEEMED INCONSISTENT.
137
138  FHM(1,0)=6.8491,D=60M1)*94.26
139  CL=CLAO*CLAPALPHA
140  RNDEN=2.000M1/(SQV1V1*CL*FM)
141  TEST=(RNDEN-RHO)/RHO
142  IF (DABS(TEST).GT.0.05) GO TO 16
143  RHO=RNDEN
144  CD=CD0+CL*OE/(PI*OE*AR)
145  Y11=Y1
146  Y12=Y2
147  Y13=Y3
148  Y14=Y4
149  Y15=Y5
150  Y16=Y6
151  Y17=Y7
152  Y18=Y8
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36 P=ACQIN-1)+1.000
37 HI=MINM1)
38 AZ=MINM1-1)
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40 K3=MINM1-2)
41 C=YN(MN1-2)
42 11.000*(M2+H3)/H1+M2/H2+H3/H1+M2/H3+Y(MN1-2)+H1*(11.000*M2/H2
43 1.000*(M2+H3)/H1+M2/H2+H3/H1+M2/H3+Y(MN1-2)+H1*(11.000*M2/H2
44 D=3.000*(M2+H3)/H1+M2/H2+H3/H1+M2/H3+Y(MN1-2)+H1*(11.000*M2/H2
45 U(MN1-2)+H1*(11.000*M2/H2+H3/H1+M2/H3+Y(MN1-2)+H1*(11.000*M2/H2
46 DO 3 J=1,MN1
47 I=N-J
48 3 U(I)=Q(I)*U(I+1)+U(I)
49 UU=U(I)
50 XX=X(I)
51 YY=Y(I)
52 DO 4 I=1,MN1
53 UP=U(I+1)
54 XP=X(I+1)
55 YP=Y(I+1)
56 MM=M(I)
57 AA(I)=UP-U(I)/MM/6.000
58 AA(I)=UP-U(I)/MM/6.000
59 AA(I)=UP-U(I)/MM/6.000
60 AA(I)=UP-U(I)/MM/6.000
61 11VXP=YP*XX/MM
62 XX=XP
63 UU=UP
64 YY=YP
65 SCHREF=(1.000-6.86D-6)*MM/REF)+6.2600
66 RETURN
67
68 ENTRY PONAX(VV,MM,PHAX)
69 IF IVV.GT.X(1)) GO TO 5
70 RETURN
71 I=1
72 GO TO 7
73 I=1,MN1
74 IF IX(1).LE.VV.AND.XI(1).GT.VV) GO TO 7
75 I=M1
76 CONTINUE
77 A1=AA(1)
78 A2=AA(2)
79 A3=AA(3)
80 A4=AA(4)
81 PHAX=((A1+VV*A2)+VV*A3)+VV*A4
82 IF (ISUP.NE.0) RETURN
83 SIGMA=(1.000-6.86D-6)*MM/REF)+6.2600
84 PCR=(SIGMA-0.16500)/(SCHREF-0.16500)
85 PHAX=PHAX*PCR
86 RETURN
87 END
88
89 SUBROUTINE FIT(Y,DY,*)
90 IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
91 DIMENSION Y(5),DY(5)
92 EXTERNAL H,DM,DMH,V,DV,GAM,OGAM,ALPHA,DALPHA,W,DW,P
93 COMMON KEY,KEY(5)
94 COMMON /PARAM/ALPHA,PI,CD,CL,C,S,RMO,CLAO,CLA,CD0,PI,E,AR,6*EX
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2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DV=0.000
4      RETURN
5      END

1      FUNCTION GAM(IT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      GAM SHOULD BE RETURNED IN RADIANS.
4      GAM=.02617800
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION DGAM(IT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DGAM SHOULD BE RETURNED AS RADIANS PER SECOND.
4      DGAM=0.000
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION DDOGAM(IT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DDOGAM SHOULD BE RETURNED AS RADIANS PER SEC. * SEC.
4      DDOGAM=0.000
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION ALPHA(IT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      ALPHA SHOULD BE RETURNED IN RADIANS.
4      ALPHA=.1025600
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION DALPHA(IT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DALPHA SHOULD BE RETURNED IN RADIANS PER SECOND.
4      DALPHA=0.000
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION WIT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      WIT SHOULD BE RETURNED IN FT-LBS. PER SECOND.
4      WIT=.000000304
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION DMIT)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DMIT SHOULD BE RETURNED IN FT-LBS. PER SECOND.
4      DMIT=.000000304
5      RETURN
6      END

1      FUNCTION P(V,H)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      P SHOULD BE RETURNED IN FT-LBS. PER SECOND.
4      P=PMAX
5      RETURN
6      END

1      SUBROUTINE TRENORIN(N,X,Y,DY,F,HMAX,ACCCHLV,ACCOBL,MAXHLV,KNTHLV,IS)
2      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
3      DIMENSION X(1),Y(1),DY(1),F(1),HMAX(1),ACCCHLV(1),ACCOBL(1),MAXHLV(1),KNTHLV(1)
4      IS=1
5      DO 10 J=1,N
6      F(J)=F1(X(J),Y(J),DY(J))
7      HMAX(J)=HMAX
8      ACCCHLV(J)=ACCCHLV
9      ACCOBL(J)=ACCOBL
10     MAXHLV(J)=MAXHLV
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# Sample Output

POWER AVAILABLE VS. VELOCITY  
REFERENCE ALTITUDE = 0.0 FEET

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0.291500 05	0.273300 02
0.524700 05	0.546700 02
0.699600 05	0.820000 02
0.816200 05	0.109330 03
0.874500 05	0.136670 03
0.909480 05	0.164000 03
0.944460 05	0.191330 03
0.958650 05	0.218670 03
0.967780 05	0.246000 03
0.973610 05	0.273330 03
0.979440 05	0.300670 03
0.994700 05	0.328000 03
0.994700 05	0.355330 03
0.994700 05	0.382660 03

M1 = 10000.      V1 = 149.0      GAM1 = 0.0      ALPHA1 = 5.878      W1 = 2650.  
 P1 = 49.40      X1 = 0.0      C = 0.6000      TDEL = 0.5000      TRAX = 480.0  
 G = 32.20      S = 174.0      RHO = 0.33800-02      CLAO = 0.3090      CLA = 4.608  
 CDO = 0.26900-01      E = 0.9800      AR = 7.378      KEY = 3      IPRINT = 10  
 MAXMLV = 2      ACCHLV = 0.10000-02      ACCDBL = 0.20000-04      HMAX = 60.00      VMIN = 35.00  
 WEMPTY = 2150.      EX = 2.000

TIME (MIN)	ALTITUDE (FT)	VELOCITY (FT/SEC)	GAMMA (DEG)	ALPHA (DEG)	CL	CD	WEIGHT (POUNDS)	POWER (HP)	RANGE (MILES)
0.0	10000.	149.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2650.	49.40	0.0
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.25000 01 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.10000 01 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.75000 01 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.20000 01 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
0.1250	10000.	149.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2650.	49.40	0.2116
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.17500 02 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.40000 01 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.37500 02 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.80000 01 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
0.6250	10000.	149.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2650.	49.39	1.058
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.77500 02 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.16000 02 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.15750 03 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.32000 02 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
2.625	10000.	149.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2649.	49.37	4.444
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T = 0.31750 03 SECONDS				NEW TDEL = 0.60000 02 SECONDS		0.53800-01			
10.29	10000.	148.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2645.	49.26	17.42
20.29	10000.	148.7	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2640.	49.12	34.33
30.29	10000.	148.6	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2635.	48.99	51.22
40.29	10000.	148.4	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2630.	48.85	68.09
50.29	10000.	148.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2625.	48.71	84.95
60.29	10000.	148.2	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2620.	48.58	101.8
70.29	10000.	148.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2616.	48.44	118.6
80.29	10000.	147.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2611.	48.31	135.4
90.29	10000.	147.8	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2606.	48.18	152.2
100.3	10000.	147.6	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2601.	48.04	169.0
110.3	10000.	147.5	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2596.	47.91	185.8
120.3	10000.	147.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2592.	47.78	202.5
130.3	10000.	147.2	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2587.	47.65	219.3
140.3	10000.	147.1	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2582.	47.51	236.0
150.3	10000.	146.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2577.	47.38	252.7
160.3	10000.	146.8	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2573.	47.25	269.4
170.3	10000.	146.7	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2568.	47.12	286.1
180.3	10000.	146.5	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2563.	46.99	302.7
190.3	10000.	146.4	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2558.	46.87	319.4
200.3	10000.	146.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2554.	46.74	336.0
210.3	10000.	146.1	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2549.	46.61	352.6
220.3	10000.	146.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2544.	46.48	369.2
230.3	10000.	145.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2540.	46.35	385.8
240.3	10000.	145.7	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2535.	46.23	402.4
250.3	10000.	145.6	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2531.	46.10	418.9
260.3	10000.	145.5	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2526.	45.98	435.5
270.3	10000.	145.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2521.	45.85	452.0
280.3	10000.	145.2	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2517.	45.73	468.5
290.3	10000.	145.1	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2512.	45.60	485.0
300.3	10000.	144.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2508.	45.48	501.5
310.3	10000.	144.8	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2503.	45.35	517.9
320.3	10000.	144.7	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2499.	45.23	534.4
330.3	10000.	144.5	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2494.	45.11	550.8
340.3	10000.	144.4	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2490.	44.99	567.2
350.3	10000.	144.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2485.	44.86	583.6
360.3	10000.	144.2	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2481.	44.74	600.0
370.3	10000.	144.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2476.	44.62	616.4
380.3	10000.	143.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2472.	44.50	632.8
390.3	10000.	143.8	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2467.	44.38	649.1
400.3	10000.	143.6	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2463.	44.26	665.4
410.3	10000.	143.5	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2458.	44.14	681.7
420.3	10000.	143.4	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2454.	44.02	698.0
430.3	10000.	143.3	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2450.	43.91	714.3
440.3	10000.	143.1	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2445.	43.79	730.6
450.3	10000.	143.0	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2441.	43.67	746.9
460.3	10000.	142.9	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2436.	43.55	763.1
470.3	10000.	142.7	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2432.	43.44	779.3
480.3	10000.	142.6	0.0	5.877	0.7817	0.53800-01	2428.	43.32	795.5



M1 = 0.0      V1 = 120.0      GAM1 = 1.500      ALPHA1 = 7.420      M1 = 2700.  
 P1 = 193.5      X1 = 0.0      C = 0.6000      TDEL = 0.5000      TMAX = 30.00  
 G = 32.20      S = 174.0      RMO = 0.2300D-02      CLAO = 0.3090      CLA = 4.608  
 CDO = 0.2987D-01      E = 0.5930      AR = 7.378      KEY = 12      IPRINT = 5  
 MAXMLV = 2      ACCMLV = 0.1000D-02      ACCDBL = 0.2000D-04      HMAX = 30.00      VMIN = 35.00  
 WENPTY = 2150.      EX = 2.991

TIME (MIN)	ALTITUDE (FT)	VELOCITY (FT/SEC)	GAMMA (DEG)	ALPHA (DEG)	CL	CD	WEIGHT (POUNDS)	POWER (HP)	RANGE (MILES)
0.0	0.0	120.0	1.500	7.416	0.9054	0.8392D-01	2700.	153.5	0.0
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.2500D 01	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.1000D 01	SECONDS ****			
0.4167D-01	8.223	131.3	1.500	5.548	0.7568	0.6149D-01	2700.	157.4	0.9948D-01
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.7500D 01	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.2000D 01	SECONDS ****			
0.1250	26.78	151.7	1.500	3.208	0.5670	0.4320D-01	2700.	162.4	0.1937
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.1750D 02	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.4000D 01	SECONDS ****			
0.2917	70.74	182.2	1.500	1.049	0.3934	0.3434D-01	2700.	169.5	0.5118
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.3750D 02	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.8000D 01	SECONDS ****			
0.6250	175.7	213.8	1.500	-0.2776	0.2867	0.3160D-01	2699.	172.9	1.271
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.7750D 02	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.1600D 02	SECONDS ****			
1.292	410.3	229.3	1.500	-0.7230	0.2509	0.3103D-01	2698.	172.5	2.968
**** INTERVAL DOUBLED AT T =		0.1575D 03	SECONDS	NEW TDEL =	0.3000D 02	SECONDS ****			
2.625	893.5	231.0	1.500	-0.7283	0.2504	0.3103D-01	2696.	169.6	6.463
5.125	1798.	229.8	1.500	-0.6170	0.2394	0.3116D-01	2691.	164.2	13.01
7.625	2698.	228.6	1.500	-0.4982	0.2489	0.3130D-01	2687.	158.9	19.52
10.13	3593.	227.3	1.500	-0.3724	0.2790	0.3147D-01	2683.	153.7	25.99
12.63	4483.	225.9	1.500	-0.2394	0.2897	0.3166D-01	2680.	148.7	32.42
15.13	5367.	224.4	1.500	-0.9787D-01	0.3011	0.3188D-01	2674.	143.8	38.82
17.63	6245.	222.8	1.500	0.5278D-01	0.3132	0.3213D-01	2672.	139.0	45.17
20.13	7116.	221.1	1.500	0.2136	0.3262	0.3242D-01	2669.	134.3	51.47
22.63	7981.	219.4	1.500	0.3859	0.3400	0.3276D-01	2666.	129.8	57.73
25.13	8839.	217.5	1.500	0.5710	0.3549	0.3315D-01	2663.	125.4	63.93
27.63	9688.	215.4	1.500	0.7710	0.3710	0.3362D-01	2659.	121.2	70.08
30.13	0.1053D 05	213.2	1.500	0.9881	0.3885	0.3417D-01	2656.	117.0	76.16

## APPENDIX E - Lift-Drag Curve Fitting Program

### User Instructions

Using a Least-Square-Distance curve fit procedure (Ref. 26) this program yields a general drag polar of the form

$$C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$$

where drag coefficient versus lift coefficient data is supplied. The program is written in FORTRAN IV and is designed to run in double precision on an IBM 370-165 computer with an average execution time of three to five seconds per curve fit investigated. Since this program is designed to be used in conjunction with the programs in Appendices C and D, the user has the option of four types of the general drag polar:

- (1)  $C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$  where all four coefficients  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$  are varied in the fitting process,
- (2)  $C_D = C_{D0} + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$  where  $C_{D0}$  is specified by the user and  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$  are varied,
- (3)  $C_D = k_1 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$  where  $k_1$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$  are varied.
- (4)  $C_D = C_{D0} + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$  where  $k_3$  and  $k_4$  are varied and  $C_{D0}$  is specified by the user.

For options (2) and (4) the first specified data point must be the zero-lift drag coefficient. Note that the functional form of the general polar prohibits the use of negative values of  $C_L$ .

The program requires the specification of the following input data:

- (1) The number  $N$  of drag coefficient versus lift coefficient data points, the control parameter  $IKEY$  which specifies which of the four types of the general drag polar is to be used as the fitting functions,

$IKEY = 1$	$C_D = k_1 + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$
$IKEY = 2$	$C_D = C_{D0} + k_2 C_L^2 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$
$IKEY = 3$	$C_D = k_1 + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$
$IKEY = 4$	$C_D = C_{D0} + k_3 C_L^{k_4}$

- (2) The  $N$  data points of drag coefficient  $C_D$  versus lift coefficient  $C_L$ , one data point per card with  $C_D$  specified first in ascending order based on the magnitude of  $C_L$ .

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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## Listing

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1  PROGRAM TO OBTAIN A GENERAL DRAG POLAR FROM DRAG COEFFICIENT
2  VS. LIFT COEFFICIENT DATA BY A LEAST-SQUARE-DISTANCE CURVE FIT
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1  AL(12) = COEF3
2  AL(11) = CD(1) - AL(2)*CL(1)**3
3  M = 3
4  GO TO 8
5  7 AL(2) = 3-CD0
6  AL(1) = COEF3
7  CDO = CD(1)
8  M = 2
9
10 C OBTAIN LEAST-SQUARE-DISTANCE FIT OF DATA
11 C
12 C M - NUMBER OF COEFFICIENTS TO BE FITTED
13 C ERR - RELATIVE CONVERGENCE CRITERIA ON RMS
14 C RMS - ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE DEVIATION BASED ON THE PERPEN-
15 C DICULAR DISTANCES, D(1), FROM THE DATA POINTS
16 C TO THE FITTED CURVE
17 C RMS = SUM(D(1)**2, I=1, M)/M
18 C
19 C
20 C 8 CALL LSC(CL, CDO, N, AL, M, ERR, RMS)
21 C GO TO 19, 10, 11, 12, 1, IKEY
22 C 9 WRITE(13, 202) RMS, (AL(1), I=1, 4)
23 C 202 FORMAT(1X, //1X, 57X, 'RMS =', D12.5//1X, 34X, 'CD =', D12.5, ' + ', D12.5, '
24 C $CL**2 + ', D12.5, ' * CL**3 //1X, 57X, 'RMS =', D12.5, ' * CL**2 + ', D12.5, '
25 C $CL**3 //1X, 57X, 'RMS =', D12.5, ' * CL**2 + ', D12.5, '
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68 C $CL**3 //1X, 57X, 'RMS =', D12.5, ' * CL**2 + ', D12.5, '

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1  100 FORMAT(2110)
2  IF(IN.EC.O) CALL EXIT
3  READ(1, 101) (CD(I), CL(I), I=1, N)
4  101 FORMAT(2020, 13)
5  WRITE(13, 200) (CD(I), CL(I), I=1, N)
6  200 FORMAT(11X, 57X, 'DATA TO BE FITTED'//1X, 57X, 'CD =', CL//1X, 51X, 2
7  $D12.5, 33X)
8  M = N*(N+1)/2
9  201 FORMAT(1111)
10 C
11 C GENERATE INITIAL GUESSES FOR THE AL(1)
12 C GO TO 12, 2, 5, 5, IKEY
13 C 2 M = N/2
14 C CDMH = CD(N) - CD(M)
15 C CDM1 = CD(M) - CD(1)
16 C CLMSQ = CL(N)**2 - CL(1)**2
17 C CLMSO = CL(M)**2 - CL(1)**2
18 C CLMPU = CL(N)**3 - CL(1)**3
19 C CLMCU = CL(M)**3 - CL(1)**3
20 C COEF3 = (CDNM - CLMSQ*CDM1/CLMSO)/(CLNMCU - CLMSQ*CLM1CU/CLMSO)
21 C COEF2 = (CDNM - COEF3*CLNMCU/CLMSQ
22 C $IF(IKEY=1) 3, 4
23 C 3 AL(1) = 3-CD0
24 C AL(3) = COEF3
25 C AL(2) = COEF2
26 C AL(1) = CD(1) - AL(2)*CL(1)**2 - AL(3)*CL(1)**3
27 C M = 4
28 C GO TO 8
29 C 4 AL(3) = 3-CD0
30 C AL(2) = COEF3
31 C AL(1) = COEF2
32 C CDO = CD(1)
33 C M = 3
34 C GO TO 8
35 C 5 COEF3 = (CD(N) - CD(1))/(CL(N)**3 - CL(1)**3)
36 C IF(IKEY=3) 6, 6, 7
37 C 6 AL(2) = 3-CD0

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      DYDAL(3,1) = XX*AL(4)
      YDAL(3,1) = AL(3)*XX*AL(4)*DLOG(XX)
      Y(1) = AL(1) + AL(2)*XX**2 + AL(3)*XX*AL(4)
      GO TO 3
2     DYDAL(3,1) = 0.000
      DYDAL(4,1) = 0.000
      Y(1) = AL(1)
3     CONTINUE
      RETURN
C
C
C     Y(1) = CDO + AL(1)*X(1)**2 + AL(2)*X(1)*AL(3)
4     DO 6 I=1,N
      XX = X(1)
      DYDAL(1,1) = XX*XX
      Y(1) = CDO + 0.0001 GO TO 5
      DYDAL(2,1) = XX*AL(3)
      DYDAL(3,1) = AL(2)*XX*AL(3)*DLOG(XX)
      Y(1) = CDO + AL(1)*XX**2 + AL(2)*XX*AL(3)
      GO TO 6
5     DYDAL(2,1) = 0.000
      DYDAL(3,1) = 0.000
      Y(1) = CDO
6     CONTINUE
      RETURN
C
C
C     Y(1) = AL(1) + AL(2)*X(1)*AL(3)
7     DO 9 I=1,N
      XX = X(1)
      DYDAL(1,1) = 1.000 GO TO 8
      IF(XX.EQ.0.000) GO TO 8
      DYDAL(2,1) = XX*AL(1)
      DYDAL(3,1) = AL(2)*XX*AL(3)*DLOG(XX)
      Y(1) = AL(1) + AL(2)*XX*AL(3)
      GO TO 9
8     DYDAL(2,1) = 0.000
      DYDAL(3,1) = 0.000
      Y(1) = AL(1)
9     CONTINUE
      RETURN
C
C
C     Y(1) = CDO + AL(1)*X(1)*AL(2)
10    DO 12 I=1,N
      XX = X(1)
      IF(XX.EQ.0.000) GO TO 11
      DYDAL(1,1) = XX*AL(2)
      DYDAL(2,1) = AL(1)*XX*AL(2)*DLOG(XX)
      Y(1) = CDO + AL(1)*XX*AL(2)
      GO TO 12
11    DYDAL(1,1) = 0.000
      DYDAL(2,1) = 0.000
      Y(1) = CDO
12    CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END
C
C
C     SUBROUTINE SIMSOL(A,B,N)
C
C     THIS SUBROUTINE SOLVES THE LINEAR SIMULTANECUS EQUATION

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      AX = B IN N UNKNOWN AND RETURNS THE SOLUTIONS IN B
C
C
C     IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
      DIMENSION A(4,4),B(4)
C
C
C     CHECK FOR SINGULARITY
C
      DO 11 J=1,N
      JJ = J + 1
      IF(A(J,J)) 7,1,7
      1 IF(J=N) 2,4,4
      2 DO 3 I=J,N
      IF(A(I,J)) 5,3,5
      3 CONTINUE
      4 WRITE(3,100)
      100 FORMAT(1X,' NO SOLUTION, SINGULAR MATRIX')
      RETURN
C
C
C     AL(J,J) = 0 INTERCHANGE ROWS
C
      5 DO 6 I=J,N
      T = A(J,I)
      A(J,I) = A(I,I)
      6 A(I,I) = T
      T = B(J)
      B(J) = B(I)
      B(I) = T
C
C
C     DIVIDE JTH ROW BY A(J,J)
C
      7 T = A(J,J)
      DO 8 KK=J,N
      8 A(J,KK) = A(J,KK)/T
      B(J) = B(J)/T
C
C
C     GET A(I,J) = 0, I=1,.....,J-1,J+1,.....,N
      DO 11 I=1,N
      IF(I-J) 9,11,9
      9 T = A(I,J)
      DO 10 KK=J,N
      10 B(I) = B(I) - T*B(J)
      11 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END
C
C
C

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### Sample Output

### DATA TO BE FITTED

CD	CL
0.470000-01	0.0
0.500000-01	0.225000 00
0.540000-01	0.400000 00
0.570000-01	0.500000 00
0.600000-01	0.570000 00
0.700000-01	0.730000 00
0.800000-01	0.830000 00
0.100000 00	0.970000 00
0.120000 00	1.045000 01
0.140000 00	1.113500 01
0.162000 00	0.119000 01
0.182000 00	0.123000 01
0.201000 00	0.126000 02
0.226000 00	0.129000 01
0.240000 00	0.130500 01
0.260000 00	0.132000 01
0.280000 00	0.133500 01
0.300000 00	0.135000 01
0.320000 00	0.136000 01

[illegible]

\*\*\*\*\* AFTER 100 ITERATIONS 11.0 - RMS/RMSOLD, THE RELATIVE ERROR BETWEEN TWO SUCCESSIVE VALUES OF RMS, STILL EXCEEDS THE SPECIFIED ERROR PARAMETER = 0.5000-02

$$CD = 0.47000D-01 + \frac{RMS = 0.22511D-02}{0.49480D-01 * CL ** 2 + 0.68540D-02 * CL ** 0.10537D 02}$$



## APPENDIX F - Power Estimation

A step by step procedure for estimating aircraft power available is well outlined in an appendix in Reference 7. While this procedure is very useful in predicting the power available in general, the maximum power available or the maximum power available for continuous operation may be found by using a simplified procedure.

The type of propeller charts given in Figure F-1 has been the standard NACA design chart since 1929. The charts already exist for many propellers; those having R.A.F. 6 and Clark Y airfoil sections can be found in References 7 and 8.

In sizing the propeller for a new design, the first step after choosing a blade section is to calculate  $C_s$  from the equation:

$$C_s = \frac{(0.638)(V_D)(\sigma)^{1/5}}{(BHP)^{1/5} (N)^{2/5}} \quad (F-1)$$

where

$V_D$  = design speed in miles per hour,  
 $\sigma = \rho/\rho_0$  = density ratio,  
BHP = design brake horsepower,  
 $N$  = design engine revolutions per minute.

Using this value of  $C_s$  project upward on Figure F-1 to the broken line of maximum efficiency for  $C_s$ . This point determines the design blade angle and a horizontal projection to the  $V/nD$  scale gives the design value of  $V/nD$  where  $V$  = the velocity in feet per second,  $n$  = engine revolutions per second, and  $D$  = propeller diameter in feet. The blade diameter can then be found by:

$$D = \frac{(V_D)(88)}{(N)(V/nD)} \quad (\text{in feet}) . \quad (F-2)$$

The design efficiency is obtained by projecting upward from the design  $C_s$  to the efficiency curve for the particular design blade angle.

If the aircraft already exists the process of estimating the power available as a function of speed is somewhat different. One already knows the propeller diameter, the propeller section, the engine BHP at rated  $N$ , the maximum value of  $N$  for continuous operation, the type of propeller (fixed pitch or constant speed), and the blade angle at 75 percent out the propeller radius. The maximum power available as a function of velocity is then calculated according to the procedures described below.

### Fixed Pitch Propellers

The maximum horsepower for continuous operation at sea level is taken to be:

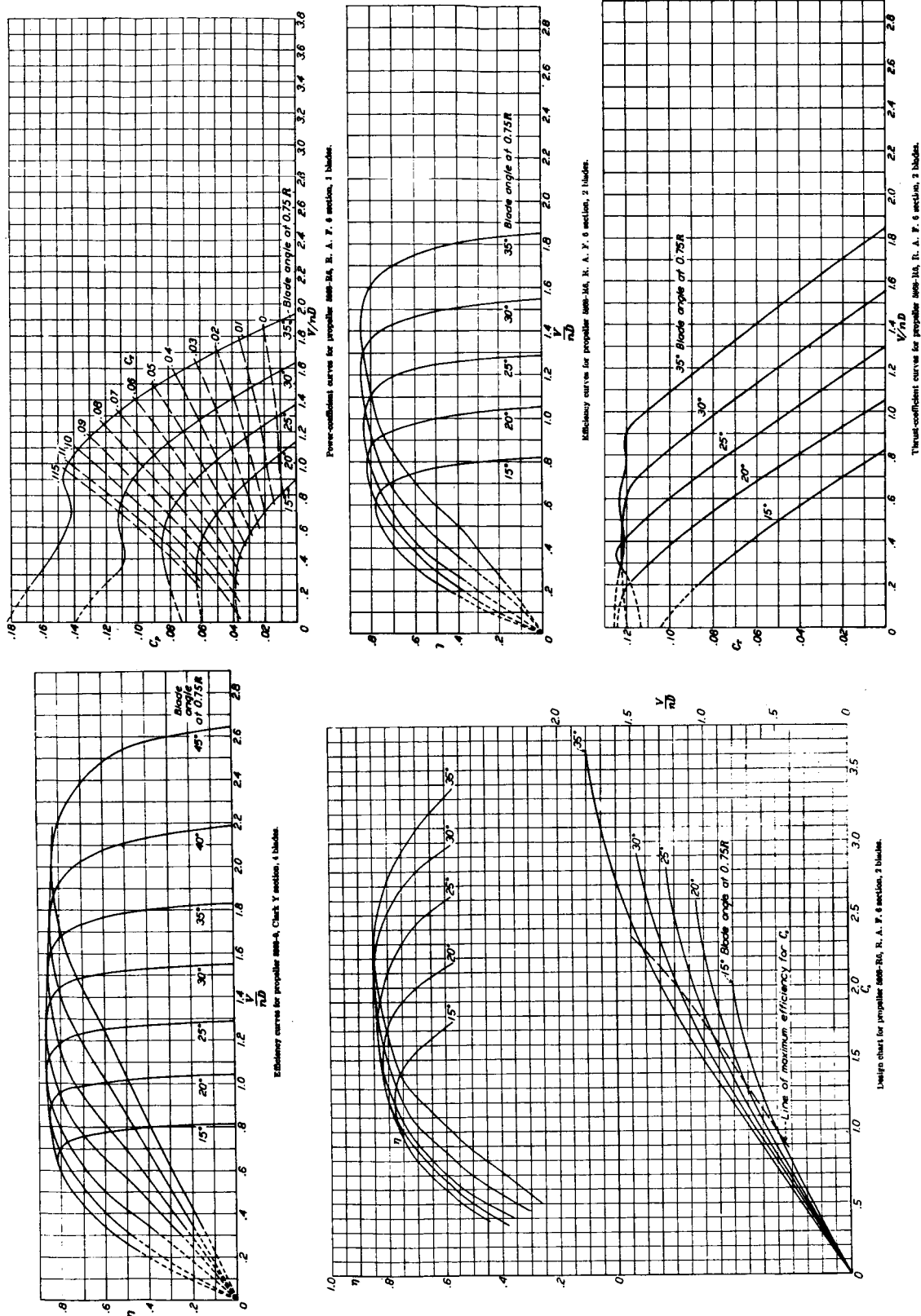


Figure F-1. Example propeller charts for an R.A.F. 6 section.

$$(HP)_{\max} = (BHP)(N_c/N_r)(\eta) \quad (F-3)$$

where

BHP = engine brake horsepower at  $N_r$ ,  
 $N_c$  = maximum engine revolutions per minute  
for continuous operation,  
 $N_r$  = engine rated revolutions per minute,  
 $\eta$  = propeller efficiency.

The propeller efficiency for a given blade angle at 75 percent of the propeller radius is a function only of  $(V/nD)$  or  $V$  since  $n$  ( $n = N_c/60$ ) and  $D$  are specified. Choosing values of  $(V/nD)$  and using the efficiency curves for the particular blade section, the value of  $(HP)_{\max}$  and  $V$  can be calculated for each value of  $(V/nD)$  chosen. One would thus be able to complete a table similar to the one below.

$(V/nD)$	$(HP)_{\max}$ from Equation (F-3)	$V$ $V = (V/nD)(nD)$	$\eta$ (from section chart)
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.

Table F-1. Sample tabulation of maximum power and velocity.

Engine efficiency, if known, can be used to multiply the right hand side of Equation (F-3) so as to give a more accurate value of  $(HP)_{\max}$ .

The power available at any altitude is obtained by multiplying the sea level power required by the factor  $(\sigma - 0.165)/0.835$  where  $\sigma = p/p_o$  = the ratio of the density of air at altitude to the density of air at sea level (formula obtained from Reference 3).

### Constant Speed Propellers

The maximum horsepower for continuous operation at sea level for a constant speed propeller is also given by Equation (F-3). Choosing values of  $(V/nD)$  efficiency values can be obtained from the envelope of the efficiency curves since the best efficiency at a particular  $(V/nD)$  may be achieved by varying the propeller blade or pitch angle. Since  $n$  and  $D$  are constant for the maximum power case, one can find  $n$  for any value of  $V$ .  $(HP)_{\max}$  for any velocity is then readily determined. The results may be tabulated as in Table F-1.

## APPENDIX G - A Predictor Corrector Method for Numerical Integration of Relaxation Differential Equations

By Neill S. Smith

Relaxation differential equations are characterized by a strong dependence of the derivative of the dependent variable on the difference between its own value and a slowly varying function. Conventional Runge-Kutta and predictor-corrector methods are unable to handle these types of equations. Generally, these conventional methods develop strong oscillations when applied to relaxation differential equations.

Trenor (Ref. 31) derived a modification of a fourth-order Runge-Kutta method for use with relaxation differential equations. His method is particularly useful because it becomes identical to the conventional Runge-Kutta in regions where the derivative is not strongly dependent on the value of the dependent variable. Thus his method can be applied to a differential equation which is not of relaxation form over the entire integration range.

Controlling the integration step size in order to maintain a specified accuracy is difficult with Runge-Kutta methods. The usual practice is to integrate from the point  $x_0$  to the point  $x_0 + h$  using the step size  $h$  and then integrate again from  $x_0$  to  $x_0 + h$  using the step size  $h/2$ . The difference between the two results obtained at  $x_0 + h$  is used to determine whether the step size should be halved, doubled, or remain the same. This procedure requires eleven evaluations of the derivative function to integrate forward one step.

On the other hand, controlling the step size to maintain a specified accuracy is fairly simple with predictor-corrector methods. The difference between the corrected and predicted values or the difference between two successive iterated values of the corrector can be used to control the step size. Thus the predictor-corrector method requires only two or three evaluations of the derivative function per integration step.

Obviously there results a great savings in computational time with predictor-corrector methods; therefore, a predictor-corrector method that could handle relaxation differential equations would be extremely useful. Such a predictor-corrector method is derived in this Appendix by applying Trenor's modification to the corrector of the conventional Adams-Bashforth predictor-corrector method. In regions where the differential equation is not of relaxation form, the modified corrector becomes identical with the conventional Adams-Bashforth corrector.

The procedure for integrating the first-order differential equation

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad (G-1)$$

from the point  $x_n$  to  $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$  by the conventional Adams-Bashforth method is given below:

- (1) An estimate of the value of  $y$  at the point  $x_{n+1}$  denoted by  $m_{n+1}$  is obtained with the predictor equation

$$m_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{24} [55 y'_n - 37 y'_{n-1} + 15 y'_{n-2} - 9 y'_{n-3}] . \quad (G-2)$$

- (2) An estimate of the derivative of  $y$  at  $x_{n+1}$ , denoted by  $m'_{n+1}$ , is obtained by evaluating Equation (G-1) at the point  $(x_{n+1}, m_{n+1})$ .

$$m'_{n+1} = f(x_{n+1}, m_{n+1}) \quad (G-3)$$

- (3) Using  $m'_{n+1}$  (the estimated derivative of  $y$  at  $x_{n+1}$ ) a final corrected value of  $y$  at  $x_{n+1}$  is obtained with the corrector equation

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{24} [9 m'_{n+1} + 19 y'_n - 5 y'_{n-1} + y'_{n-2}] . \quad (G-4)$$

Although generally very satisfactory, this method fails when Equation (G-1) is of relaxation form, *i.e.*, it can be written approximately as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -P(y - \tilde{y}) \quad (G-5)$$

where  $P$  is a large positive number, and  $\tilde{y}$  is a slowly varying function of  $x$ . A modification of the corrector Equation (G-4) that enables the Adams-Bashforth method to handle the above situation is derived below.

Following Trenor's procedure, it is assumed that Equation (G-1) can be approximated by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = -P(y - y_n) + A + B(x - x_n) + C(x - x_n)^2 + D(x - x_n)^3 \quad (G-6)$$

over the interval from  $x_{n-3} = x_n - 3h$  to  $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$ . Equation (G-6) can be integrated to give

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h [AF_1 + hBF_2 + 2h^2CF_3 + 6h^3DF_4] \quad (G-7)$$

where the functions  $F_n$  are simple exponential functions of  $Ph$

$$F_0 = \exp [-Ph]$$

$$F_n = \frac{F_{n-1} - \frac{1}{(n-1)!}}{(-Ph)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-Ph)^k}{(n+k)!} . \quad (G-8)$$

The five constants  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $P$  are evaluated by requiring Equation (G-6) be satisfied at the five points  $x_{n+i}$ ,  $i = 1, 0, -1, -2, -3$ . The resulting expressions for these five constants are

$$A = y_n'$$

$$hB = \frac{Z_{n-2}}{6} - Z_{n-1} + \frac{Z_n}{2} + \frac{Z_{n+1}}{3}$$

$$2h^2C = Z_{n-1} - 2Z_n + Z_{n+1} \quad (G-9)$$

$$6h^3D = -Z_{n-2} + 3Z_{n-1} - 3Z_n + Z_{n+1}$$

$$P = - \frac{y_{n+1}' - 4y_n' + 6y_{n-1}' - 4y_{n-2}' + y_{n-3}'}{y_{n+1} - 4y_n + 6y_{n-1} - 4y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}$$

where  $Z_{n+i} = y_{n+i}' + Py_{n+i}'$ . Since  $y_{n+1}$  and  $y_{n+1}'$  are used to determine the five constants, Equation (G-7) represents a corrector equation that is to be used in place of the conventional corrector given by Equation (G-4). When  $P = 0$  (corresponding to no relaxation-type dependence of  $y'$  on  $y$ ), then  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1/2$ ,  $F_3 = 1/6$  and  $F_4 = 1/24$ , and Equation (G-7) becomes identical to the conventional corrector given by Equation (G-4). Since  $P$  is continually calculated as the integration proceeds, the predictor-corrector method obtained by replacing the corrector given by Equation (G-4) with the modified corrector given by Equation (G-7) will automatically handle any relaxation dependence that appears in the differential equation. In regions where the differential equation has no relaxation dependence ( $P = 0$ ), the method automatically becomes identical to the original predictor-corrector method.

## APPENDIX H - A Discussion on Specific Fuel Consumption

Throughout this work it has been assumed that the specific fuel consumption,  $c$ , of a piston engine is constant. This of course is a rather gross approximation and it is the purpose of the present section to determine how serious the error is, how one may incorporate a more exact model in the calculations if desired, and how the use of a more exact model will alter the conclusions reached previously.

A piston engine is a very complex machine; thus, unless one uses experimental data giving power and fuel flow rate as functions of manifold pressure and shaft speed in a table look-up form, it is necessary to make some approximations to these characteristics in order to obtain manageable functional forms. The experimental characteristics shown in the figures below indicate the magnitude of the problem.

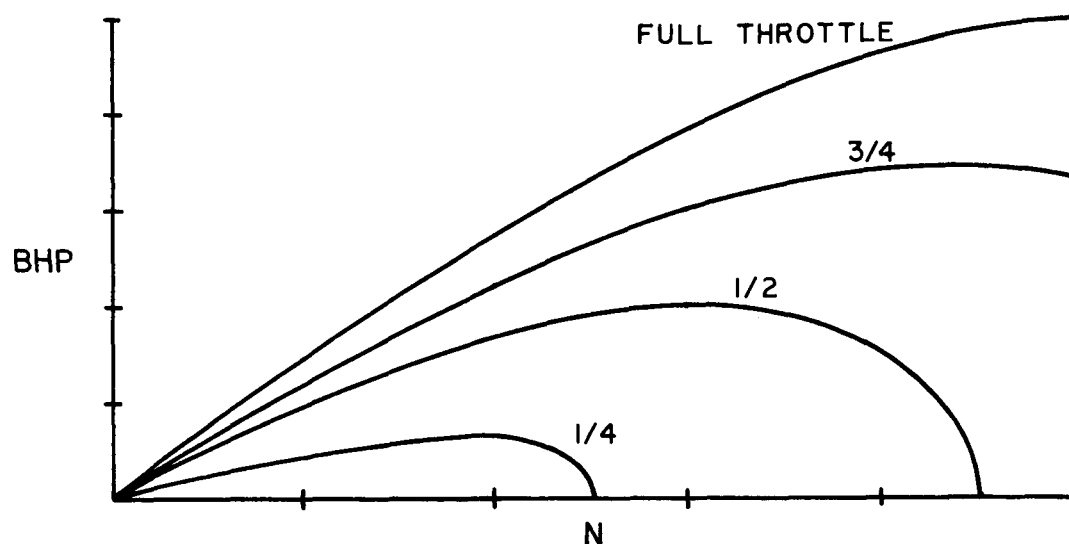


Figure H-1. Typical variation of BHP with RPM for various constant throttle settings.

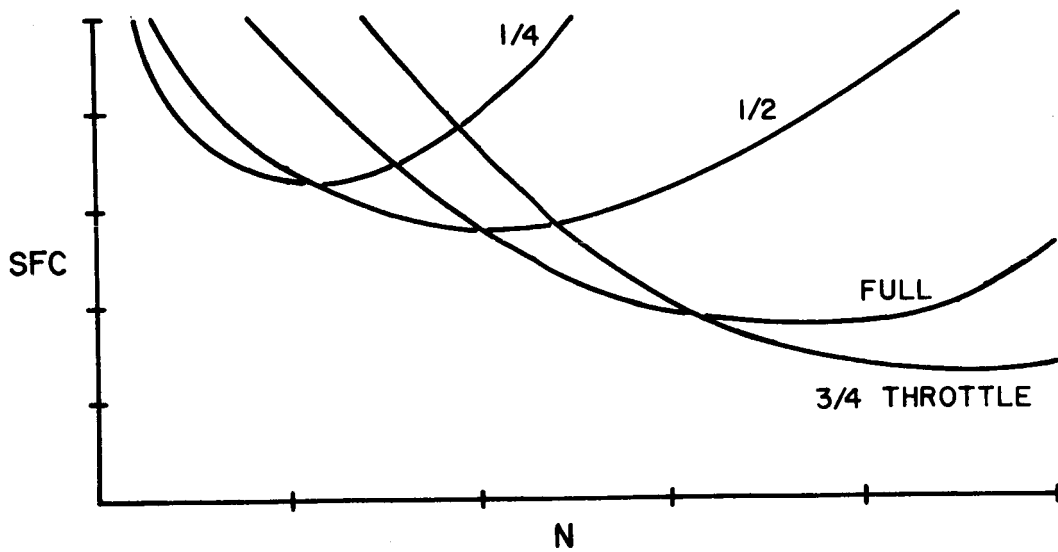


Figure H-2. Typical variation of SFC with RPM for various constant throttle settings.

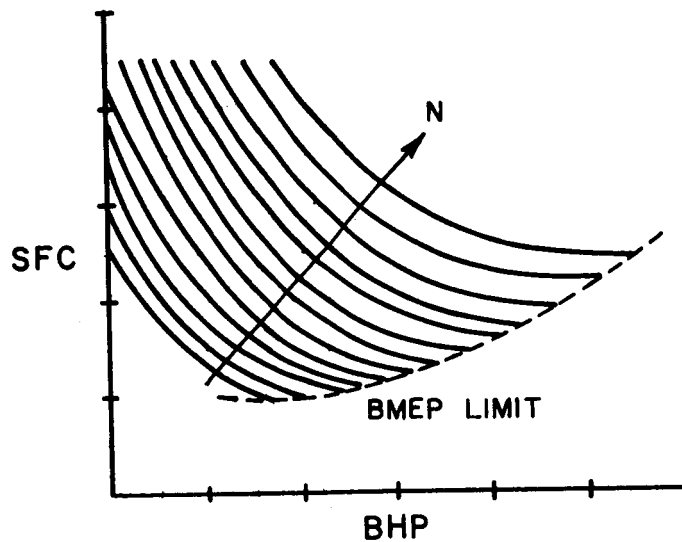


Figure H-3. Typical variation of SFC with BHP for various constant RPM settings.



The constant speed contours in Figure H-3 are given for each 100 RPM above fast idle.

In terms of the throttle position,  $\pi$ , and RPM,  $N$ , a fairly good representation of the power output is

$$P = C_1 N \pi^{1/2} \left[ 1 - \frac{C_2 N^2}{\pi^2} \right]$$

where the value of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  depends upon the particular engine involved.

During most of the flight regime one could normally attempt to operate at minimum fuel consumption. On an aircraft equipped with a constant speed propeller this means one will generally move down a constant  $N$  contour (Figure H-3) until full throttle is reached and then along a constant manifold pressure contour. This type of operation can usually be represented fairly accurately by a function of the type

$$c = \frac{A_1}{P} + A_2 P^3 .$$

Obviously, more complex functions can be used to obtain more accurate descriptions of experimental results.

For the moment suppose the foregoing expression for  $c$  represents the physical situation adequately. How then does one incorporate it in the performance analysis, and how are the previous conclusions one obtained on the basis of the simple, linear fuel-flow-power function altered? For the more general fuel consumption function,

$$\dot{W} = A_1 + A_2 P^4 .$$

Mechanically, such a function presents no substantial difficulties in the computation procedure, although the program instructions would have to be changed to accomodate it. Generally, it is to be expected that such a fuel-flow-power relation does not alter the speed for maximum endurance and reduces the range achievable with high power (>75%) trajectories.

If one wished to perform the computation precisely, the following procedure is suggested:

1. Obtain from the engine manufacturer the most reliable data he has on the engine in question and plot the following curves:  $c$  versus  $P$  with  $N$  as parameter,  $c$  versus  $P$  with manifold pressure as parameter. The plots should include the effects of a particular propeller's efficiency so that power is really thrust horsepower.

2. Employ a least squares polynomial fit to each family of curves.

3. Then when one specifies a manifold pressure and an engine speed, he solves the two equations simultaneously to obtain  $c$  and  $P$ .

4. The path performance computation is changed as follows:

(a) Either manifold pressure or engine speed or both must be specified. If both are specified  $c$  and  $P$  are both found and  $W$  can be computed. If only one is specified the power required which comes from a solution of the system of equations in Appendix B must be used in conjunction with the two curve fits to find  $c$  and engine speed or manifold pressure, whichever was previously unknown.

(b) The value of  $c$  corresponding to the required value of  $P$  is then inserted in the path performance equations and the computation continues for another small increment in time.

The magnitude of the programming task is quite evident. Unfortunately, the pressures of time did not permit its completion during the preparation of the present work.